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INTRODUCTION

The object of this book is to bring together in one volume the cream of all of the world's best proverbs and maxims. Although it is a large collection, the compiler and publishers do not claim that it is the largest collection of proverbs and maxims which could be made. In fact, far more proverbs were rejected than are included in this collection. Quality rather than quantity has been the object in view. Only such proverbs were chosen as were considered worthy of memorizing and practising.

Next to the Scriptures, the proverbs and maxims of the world should be among the most helpful things yet written. Proverbs are the condensed practical wisdom of all ages and nations. Sir J. Mackintosh has said, "Maxims are the condensed good sense of nations." "A proverb is condensed popular wisdom," said Carl Seelbach. The Germans say, "Proverbs are the wisdom of the ages." William Penn said, "The wisdom of nations lies in their proverbs, which are brief and pithy." Simmons said, "A proverb is much light condensed in one flash." Cervantes said, "Proverbs are short sentences drawn from long experience." "Proverbs are the jewels of the multitude," says the Popular Encyclopedia. Someone else has said, "All the good sense of the world runs into proverbs." "A proverb is the wisdom of years crystallized in the wit of a moment," says another. Lord Russell has aptly described a proverb as follows, "A proverb is the wit of one and the wisdom of many." Our lives are too short to learn very much by experience, and we are fortunate indeed if we can learn from the wisdom and experience of all ages and all nations condensed into the form of proverbs and maxims.

Solomon, the wisest of men, "sought out, and set in order many proverbs" (Ecclesiastes 12:9). Being wise, he evidently realized the importance of proverbs. The Apocrypha

to the Old Testament says, "Despise not the discoveries of the wise, but acquaint thyself with their proverbs." Disraeli, one of the ablest men of modern times, said, "A frequent review of proverbs should enter into our reading."

We believe that the world's best proverbs should be published in school readers and memorized by children in the schools. They should be taught to children in the homes. Business men should memorize and practise them in their business. Ministers, lawyers, doctors, and professional men generally can make good use of them. No one should be without them.

Hoping that this volume will be one of the most helpful yet published, we dedicate it to the young and middle-aged and old people everywhere.

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ABILITY

A man can do no more than he can.

The more talents the more they will be developed.—*Chinese.*

There are many rare abilities in the world that fortune never brings to light.

ABSENCE

Absence cools moderate passions but inflames violent ones.

Absence is love's foe, far from the eyes, far from the heart. —*Spanish.*

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.—*J. H. Bailey.*

Absence sharpens love, presence strengthens.

Conspicuous by its absence.—*Tacitus.*

Long absent soon forgotten.

Out of sight, out of mind.

ABSENT-MINDED

You look for the horse you ride on.—*Russian.*

ABSURD

He catches the wind with a net.

He catches water with a sieve.—*Greek.*

He is building a bridge over the sea.

He is making ropes of sand.

He takes oil to extinguish the fire.

To dig a well to put out a house on fire.—*Tamil.*

To swim a river with a bridge close by.

ABUSE

Abusive language is abuse of language.

He who abuses others must not be particular about the answers he gets.

ACCIDENTS

Better a leg broken than the neck.—*German.*

No accidents are so unlucky but that the prudent may draw some advantage from them.—*Rochefoucauld.*

Nothing with God is accidental.—*Longfellow.*

ACCOMPLICES

He sins as much who holds the bag as he who puts into it.—*French.*

He that hides it is no better than he that steals.—*Danish.*

He who holds the ladder is as bad as the thief.—*German.*

The accomplice is as bad as the thief.—*Portuguese.*

ACCURACY

He hath hit the nail on the head.

ACCUSING

Accusing is proving when malice and force sit as judges.

Even doubtful accusations leave a stain behind them.

He who accuses too many accuses himself.

ACTIONS

Action is the proper fruit of knowledge.

Action must be founded on knowledge.—*Beaconsfield.*

Actions speak louder than words.

Act so in the valley that you need not fear those who stand on the hill.—*Danish.*

A man's actions show his character.

As the tree so the fruit.—*German.*

A tree is known by its fruit.

Deeds are fruits, words are leaves.

Deeds are love and not sweet words (or fine phrases).—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

Do well is better than say well.

Good actions carry their warrant with them.

Good actions ennoble us.

I would on deeds, not words, be fed;
Deeds will live when words are dead.

Judge of the tree by its fruit.

Never do an act of which you doubt the justice or propriety.

Say well and do well, end with one letter,
Say well is good, but do well is better.
—*Scotch.*

That action is best which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest numbers.—*Hutchinson.*

'Tis not the action but the intention that is good or bad.

We should consult three things in all our actions, justice, honesty and utility.

Whoever does a good deed is instantly ennobled.

ADVICE

Advice after mischief is like medicine after death.—*Danish.*

Advice given in the midst of a crowd is loathsome.—*Arabian.*

Advice is not a popular thing to give.

Advice is not compulsion.—*German.*

Advice to a fool goes in at one ear and out at the other.—*Danish.*

Advise not what is most pleasant, but what is most useful.—*Solon.*

Advising is easier than helping.—*German.*

After-advice is fool's advice.—*German.*

A wise man accepts good advice.

Every fool wants to give advice.—*Italian.*

Good advice
Is beyond all price.

He asks advice in vain who will not follow it.—*French.*

If good advice were horses, every one might ride.

If you wish good advice, consult an old man.

In a calm sea every man is a pilot.—*German.*

It is better to seek advice at the beginning than the end.—*German.*

Less advice and more hands.—*German.*

Nothing given so willingly as advice.

Steer not after every mariner's direction.

There is nothing we receive so reluctantly as advice.—*Spectator.*

The stingy man loves to give advice—it costs nothing.

Though old and wise
Be still advised.

We should never be too proud to take advice even from the lowly. —*German.*

Who refuses cheap advice must buy dear repentance.—*Danish.*

Worthless is the advice of fools.—*Latin.*

Write down the advice of him that loves you, though you like it not at present.

AFFECTATION

Affectation is a greater enemy to the face than small-pox.

Affected superiority mars good fellowship.

AGE

Action from youth, advice from middle age, prayers from the aged.—*Hesiod.*

Age makes many a man white but not better.—*Danish.*

A young man negligent, an old man necessitous.

Good-morrow, spectacles; farewell, glasses.—*French.*

Gray beard and red lip seldom remain good friends.—*German.*

If you lie upon roses when young, you'll lie upon thorns when old.

If youth knew what age would crave,
It would both get and save.

Intemperate youth ends in an age imperfect and unsound.—*Denham.*

It is difficult to grow old gracefully.

All wish to live long, but not to be called old.—*Danish.*

A man, as he manages himself, may die old at thirty or young at eighty.

Be kind and gentle to those who are old.
For dearer is kindness and better than gold.
—*Cary.*

Better late thrive than never do well.—*Scotch.*

He who does not become handsome before twenty, strong before thirty, wise before forty, and rich before fifty,—on such a man good victuals are lost.—*German.*

It is less painful to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age.

It is the common failing of old men to attribute all wisdom to themselves.—*Fielding.*

Old age and poverty are two heavy burthens, either is enough. —*German.*

Old age comes uncalled.—*German.*

Old age is honorable.

Old people see best in the distance.—*German.*

That folly of old age which is called dotage is peculiar to silly old men, not to age itself.—*Cicero.*

The aged in council, the young in action.—*Danish.*

The brains don't lie in the beard.

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.—*Proverbs* 16:31.

The old effect more by counsel than the young by action.—*German.*

The old forget, the young don't know.—*German.*

The old for want of ability and the young for want of knowledge let things be lost.—*Spanish.*

The old see better behind than the young before.—*German.*

Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head.—*Leviticus* 19:32.

We expiate in old age the follies of our youth.—*Latin.*

Who honors not age is unworthy of it.

Young people must be taught, old ones be honored.—*Danish.*

AGREEING

They agree like cats and dogs.

AIR

Foul air slays like a sword.—*Dr. Angus Smith.*

"ALMOST"

"Almost" kills no man.—*Danish.*

"Almost" never killed a fly.—*German.*

"Almost" was never hanged.

AMBITION

A life without a purpose is a ship without a rudder.

All men desire three things, honor, riches, pleasure.

Ambition has no rest.—*Bulwer.*

Ambition, thou powerful source of good or ill.—*Young.*

A spur in the head is worth two in the heels.

Better aim at a star than shoot down a well; you'll hit higher.

Better little talent and much purpose, than much talent and little purpose.

Desire nothing that would bring disgrace.

Earth's worst tempters, gold and ambition.—*Bulwer.*

Hasty climbers have sudden falls.

He who would climb the ladder must begin at the bottom.—*German.*

Hitch your wagon to a star.—*Emerson.*

If we never build our castles in the air
We shall never build them anywhere.
—*J. Gilchrist Lawson.*

If you don't aim high you will never hit high.

Man has many projects but God cuts them short.—*Greek.*

Nothing is too high for a man to reach, but he must climb with care and confidence.—*Hans Andersen.*

No wind can do him good who steers for no port.

One's character will never rise higher than his aims.

Those who climb high often have a fall.—*Danish.*

Vessels large may venture more,
But little boats should keep near shore.

We aim above the mark to hit the mark.—*Emerson.*

What makes life dreary is the want of motive.—*George Eliot.*

Where you cannot climb over you must creep under.—*Danish.*

Who never climbed never fell.

Without a purpose what were life?
Eating, sleeping, toil and strife.

AMENDS

It argues an ignorant mind where we have wronged to higgle and dodge in the amends.—*Hale.*

ANECDOTES

A good tale ill told is a bad one.

A good tale is not the worse for being twice told.

An honest tale speeds best being plainly told.—*Shakespeare.*

A tale never loses in the telling.

It ought to be a good tale that is twice told.

No sweetness in a cabbage twice boiled or in a tale twice told.

There is much good sleep in an old story.—*German.*

What so tedious as a twice-told tale.—*Homer.*

ANCESTRY

Ask not after a good man's pedigree.—*Spanish.*

He that boasteth of his ancestors confesseth he hath no virtue of his own.

He who boasts of his descent boasts of that which he owes to others.—*Seneca.*

High birth is a poor dish at table.—*Italian.*

So yourself be good, a fig for your grandfather.

Unworthy offspring brag most of their descent.—*Danish.*

ANGER

A hasty man is seldom out of trouble.

A house divided against a house falleth.—*Luke* 11:17.

A little pot
Is soon hot.
—*Dutch.*

A man is a stark fool all the while he is angry.

Anger is often more hurtful than the injury that caused it.

A fool uttereth all his anger: but a wise man keepeth it back and stilleth it.—*Proverbs* 29:11.

An angry man cannot see right.—*German.*

An angry man heeds no counsel.—*Portuguese.*

An angry man is again angry with himself when he returns to reason.—*Syrus.*

An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.—*Cato.*

Anger and haste hinder good counsel.

Anger and love give bad counsel.

Anger begins with folly and ends with repentance.—*Pythagoras.*

Anger dieth quickly with a good man.

Anger ends in cruelty.—*Tamil.*

Anger first and pity afterwards.—*Tamil.*

Anger, like fire, given no vent soon smothers.

Anger makes a rich man hated and a poor man scorned.

Anger manages everything badly.—*Statius.*

Anger may glance into the wise man's breast;
But only in the bosom of fools doth rest.

Anger rendereth the man insane and the prophet dumb.—*Hebrew.*

Anger resteth in the bosom of fools.—*Ecclesiastes* 7:9.

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.—*Proverbs* 15:1.

Be not choleric, it will make you look old.

Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.—*James* 1:19.

Control your passion or it will control you.—*Horace.*

For mad words deaf ears.

Good words cool more than cold water.

He best keeps from anger who remembers that God is always looking upon him.—*Plato.*

He is a fool who cannot be angry;
He is a wise man who will not.

He overcomes a stout enemy who overcomes his own anger.—*Chilo.*

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—*Proverbs* 16:32.

He that is slow to anger is of great understanding.—*Proverbs* 14:29.

He who overcomes his anger subdues his greatest enemy.—*Syrus.*

Hold an angry tongue.

Ill words are bellows to a slackening fire.

Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.—*Ephesians* 4:26.

Passionate people lay up no malice.

Rage is a brief insanity. (*Ira brevis furor est.*)

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger and it is glory to overlook a transgression.—*Proverbs* 19:11.

The physician of anger is reason.—*Greek.*

There is not in nature a thing that makes a man so deformed, so beastly, as intemperate anger.—*John Webster.*

To be angry is to punish myself for another's fault.

To be angry with a weak man is proof that you are not very strong yourself.

Two things a man should never be angry at:
What he can help, and what he cannot help.

Whate'er is begun in anger ends in shame.—*Franklin.*

When anger rises, think of the consequences.—*Confucius.*

When angry, count ten; when very angry, a hundred.—*Jefferson.*

When Passion comes in at the door, Wisdom leaps out of the window.

Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad.—*Latin.*

ANIMALS

A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast.—*Proverbs* 12:10.

ANNOYANCES

He puts up with small annoyances to gain great results.—*Latin.*

ANSWERS

A fool can ask questions that wise men cannot answer.

A soft answer is a specific cure for anger.—*German.*

Who answers suddenly knows little.

APHORISMS

Aphorisms are portable wisdom, the quintessential extracts of thought and feeling.—*W. R. Alger.*

APOTHEGMS

Apothegms are the most infallible mirror to represent a man truly what he is.—*Plutarch.*

APPEARANCES

Appearances are deceitful.—*German.*

Be what you appear to be.—*Latin.*

Judge not according to appearances, but judge righteous judgment. —*John* 7:24.

Man carries his superiority inside, animals theirs outside.—*Russian.*

There is no trusting to appearances.—*Latin.*

APPETITE

He who cheats his appetite avoids debt.—*Chinese.*

Let appetite yield to reason.

No sauce like appetite.—*French.*

APPLAUSE

Applause is the spur of noble minds.

Mankind bestows more applause on her destroyers than her benefactors.—*Gibbon.*

Men seek less to be instructed than applauded.

The applause of the people is a blast of air.

APRIL

A cold April the barn will fill.

April showers bring forth May flowers.

ARCHITECTURE

Architecture is frozen music.—*Mme. de Staël.*

ARGUMENTS

A cockroach is always wrong when arguing with a chicken.

Arguing with a fool shows there are two.

Argument makes three enemies to one friend.

Argument seldom convinces any one against his inclination.

Never argue with a child or a fool.—*Indian.*

Disputing and borrowing cause grief and sorrowing.—*German.*

When either side grows warm with argument the wisest man gives over first.

ARISTOCRACY

Even workhouses have their aristocracy.—*Maga.*

ARTS AND ARTISTS

Art is art even though unsuccessful.—*Danish.*

He that sips many arts drinks none.

It is a poor art that maintains not the artisan.—*Italian.*

The moment the skill of the artist is perceived, the spell of the art is broken.—*Macaulay.*

The perfection of art is to conceal art.—*Quintilian.*

Without favor, art is like a windmill without wind.—*Juvenal.*

ASKING

Asking costs little.—*Italian.*

Better ask than go astray.—*Italian.*

Better ask twice than lose your way once.—*Danish, German.*

He denies himself who asks what it is impossible to grant.

He that asketh faintly beggeth a denial.

He who is afraid of asking is ashamed of learning.—*Danish.*

ASSERTION

Assertion is no proof.—*German.*

ASSISTANCE

In this world it is necessary that we assist one another.—*La Fontaine.*

Never ask of him who has, but of him who wishes you well.—*Spanish.*

ASSOCIATES

A man among children a child becomes; a child among men, a man.

A man is known by the company he keeps.

A man's character may be told by the company he keeps.—*Spencer.*

A man would not be alone even in paradise.

Bad companions quickly corrupt the good.—*German.*

Bad company is the devil's net.

Better alone than in bad company.—*Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Dutch.*

Better fare hard with good men than feast with bad.

Better weep with the wise than laugh with fools.—*German.*

Birds of a feather flock together.—*R. Burton.*

Company in distress makes trouble less.—*French.*

Enter not into the paths of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.—*Proverbs* 4:14.

Evil company doth corrupt good manners.—*I Corinthians* 15:33.

Go not to hell for company.

He that lies down with dogs will get up with fleas.—*French, Italian, Spanish, Danish.*

He that toucheth pitch shall be defiled therewith.—*Apocrypha.*

He that walketh with the virtuous is one of them.

He who goes with wolves learns to howl.—*Spanish.*

If you associate with the wicked you will become wicked yourself. —*Menander.*

In vicious company you are among your enemies.

Keep good company or none.

Keep good company and you'll be of them.—*Chinese.*

Like likes like.

No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

One rotten apple spoils the whole barrel.

Pleasant company alone makes this life tolerable.—*Spanish.*

Pleasant company shortens the miles.—*German.*

Present company is always excepted.

The goose goes with geese.

Wicked companions invite us to hell.—*Fielding.*

With the good we become good.—*Dutch.*

You may keep yourself safe from fire but not from an evil companion.

Your companions are your mirror and show you yourself.

AUGUST

A wet August never brings dearth.—*Italian.*

When it rains in August, it rains honey and wine.—*Spanish.*

AUTHORS

A great writer does not reveal himself here and there, but everywhere.—*Lowell.*

He that would write what is worthy to be read more than once should blot frequently.—*Horace.*

Incessant scribbling is death to thought.—*Carlyle.*

Literature has her quacks no less than medicine.—*Colton.*

Let your thoughts be well dressed if you would have them move in good company.

Thoughts and pictures please most well framed.

To make a book is no less a trade than to make a clock.—*La Bruyère.*

When about to put your words in ink,
'Twill do no harm to stop and think.

Many a beautiful maiden,
Many a beautiful thought,
By a careless speech
And a slovenly dress,
Have lived and come to naught.

BABIES

A babe in a house is a well-spring of pleasure.—*Tupper.*

A babe is a mother's anchor. She cannot swing far from her moorings.—*Beecher.*

BACHELORS

An old bachelor is only the half of a pair of scissors.—*Franklin.*

Call no man unhappy till he is married.—*Socrates.*

It is not good that the man should be alone.—*Genesis* 2: 18.

Though marriage has some pains, celibacy has few pleasures.—*Johnson.*

Until a man finds a wife he is only a half.—*Sanscrit.*

Whoever is free from wrangling is a bachelor.—*St. Jerome.*

BAD PEOPLE

A bad tree does not yield good apples.—*Danish.*

A rotten egg cannot be spoiled.

Bad men leave their mark wherever they go.—*Chinese.*

Bad mind bad heart.—*Terence.*

There is no man so bad but has a secret respect for the good.

BAD THINGS

A bad padlock invites a picklock.

There is nothing so bad but may be of some use.—*German.*

BARGAINS

A bargain is a bargain.

A good bargain is a pick purse.

It is a bad bargain where both are losers.

It takes two to make a bargain.

Make the best of a bad bargain.

Many have been ruined by buying good pennyworths.

On a good bargain think twice.

BASE THINGS

Incline to nothing base.

It is a base thing to betray a man because he trusted you.

It is a base thing to tread upon a man who is down.

BASHFULNESS

A scoff is the reward of bashfulness.

At table bashfulness is out of place.

Bashfulness is an ornament to youth but a reproach to old age. —*Aristotle.*

Bashfulness is no use to the needy.—*Dutch.*

He that wants should not be bashful.—*Italian.*

It is only the bashful that lose.—*French.*

BEASTS

The beast is more savage than man when he is possessed of power equal to his passion.—*Plutarch.*

The beasts are by instinct their own physicians.—*French, Italian.*

BEAUTY

A beautiful behavior is better than a beautiful form.

A fair face may be a foul bargain.

A fair face may hide a foul heart.

A fair face will get its praise though the owner keep silent.—*Danish.*

All orators are dumb when beauty pleadeth.—*Shakespeare.*

All that's fair must fade.—*Italian.*

An ass to an ass is a beauty.—*Latin.*

A pretty face is half a dowry.—*German.*

A pretty face wins the case.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever.—*Keats.*

Beautiful faces are they that wear
The light of a pleasant spirit there,
It matters little if dark or fair.

Beautiful hands are they that do
Deeds that are noble, good, and true,
Busy with them the long day through.

Beauty and folly are often companions.—*French, Italian.*

Beauty and folly are sisters.—*German.*

Beauty and understanding go rarely together.—*German.*

Beauty draws more than oxen.

Beauty in the unworthy is poison in a casket of gold.—*Tamil.*

Beauty is a frail advantage.—*Ovid.*

Beauty is a good letter of introduction.—*German.*

Beauty is but dross if honesty be lost.—*Dutch.*

Beauty is but skin deep.

Beauty is like a rainbow—full of promise but short lived.—*Josh Billings.*

Beauty is one of God's gifts.—*Lewes.*

Beauty is potent but money is more potent.

Beauty is the eye's food and the soul's sorrow.—*German.*

Beauty is the wife's best dowry.

Beauty may have fair leaves but bitter fruit.

Beauty opens locked doors.—*German.*

Beauty soon fades, but virtue lives forever.

Beauty vanishes, virtue endures.—*German.*

Beauty without grace is the hook without the bait.—*Emerson.*

Beauty without modesty is infamous.—*German.*

Beauty without virtue is a curse.

Beauty without virtue is a rose without fragrance.—*French, German, Danish.*

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.—*Pope.*

Fair faces need no paint.

Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain.—*Proverbs* 30:31.

Good looks buy nothing in the market.

Handsome apples are sometimes sour.

Handsome is that handsome does.—*Goldsmith.*

Handsome women generally fall to the lot of ugly men.—*Italian.*

If the eye do not admire,
The heart will not desire.
—*Italian.*

Lips, however rosy, must be fed.

Loveliness needs not the foreign aid of ornament,
But is when unadorned adorned the most.

Love that has but beauty to feed on is short lived and subject to fits.—*Erasmus.*

Modesty has more charms than beauty.

One cannot live on beauty.—*German.*

Pretty faces are often masks for vacant minds.

Roses and maidens soon lose their bloom.—*German.*

She who is born a beauty is half married.

The handsomest flower is not the sweetest.

The handsomest rose loses its fragrance.—*German.*

The Lord prefers common looking people; that is why he made so many of them.—*Lincoln.*

The plainest face has beauty,
  If the owner's kind and true;
And that's the kind of beauty
  My boy and girl, for you.

There is beauty in the sunlight,
  And the soft blue heaven above;
Oh, the world is full of beauty,
  When the heart is full of love.

—*W. L. Smith.*

Three things soon pass away: the echo of the woods, the rainbow, and woman's beauty.—*German.*

To marry a woman for her beauty is like buying a house for its paint.

To pay homage to beauty is to admire Nature; to admire Nature is to worship God.

Trust not too much to an enchanting face.—*Dryden.*

We seize the beautiful and reject the useful.—*La Fontaine.*

When beauty is at the bar, blind men make the best jury.

Without the smile from partial beauty won,
Say what were man? A world without a sun.

—*Campbell.*

BEES

A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay,
But a swarm in July is not worth a fly.

Good bees never turn drones.

The bee from his industry in the summer eats honey all the winter.

Where bees are there is honey.

BEGGING

A beggar payeth a benefit with a louse.

A shameless beggar must have a short denial.

Beggars and borrowers must not be choosers.

Beggars breed and rich men feed.

Beggars mounted run their horse to death.—*Shakespeare.*

Better to beg than steal, but better to work than beg.—*Russian.*

He buys very dear who begs.—*Portuguese.*

He makes a beggar first that first relieves him.—*Heywood.*

Neither beg of him who has been a beggar, nor serve him who has been a servant.—*Spanish.*

One day a beggar the next a thief.—*German.*

Who is not ashamed to beg soon is not ashamed to steal.—*German.*

BEGINNING

A good beginning is half the work.—*German.*

A good beginning makes a good ending.

Begin in time to finish without hurry.—*German.*

Everything must have a beginning.—*French, Italian, Portuguese, German.*

For a web begun God sends thread.—*French, Italian.*

From small beginnings come great things.—*Dutch.*

Good to begin well, better to end well.

He is not done who is beginning.—*French.*

The merit belongs to the beginner should his successor do even better.—*Egyptian.*

Well begun is half done.—*French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Dutch.*

BELIEVING

He does not believe who does not live according to his belief.

He will never prosper who readily believes.—*Latin.*

Who are ready to believe are easy to deceive.—*German.*

BELLS

The higher the bell is hung the shriller it sounds.—*German.*

While the great bells are ringing no one hears the little ones.—*Danish.*

BEST THINGS

The best always goes first.—*Italian.*

The best is cheapest.—*Italian, German.*

BETTER THINGS

Better anticipate than be anticipated.—*Portuguese.*

Better go about than fall in the ditch.

Better there should be too much than too little.—*German.*

BETTING

A wager is a fool's argument.

Fools for arguments use wagers.—*Butler.*

Never play games of chance or make bets of any kind.

None but fools and knaves lay wagers.

BIBLE

And better had they ne'er been born,
Who read to doubt or read to scorn.
—*Walter Scott.*

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.—*Luke* 11:28.

How many read the Word (Bible), and yet from vice are not deterred.—*German.*

The Bible—A stream where alike the elephant may swim and the lamb may wade.—*Gregory the Great.*

BIRDS

A nightingale won't sing in a cage.

Birds of prey do not sing.—*German.*

Early birds pick up the crumbs (worms).

Every hooked beak is maintained by prey.—*French.*

He that will take the bird must not scare it.

Little bird, little nest.—*Spanish.*

The nightingale and the cuckoo sing both in one month.

When the nightingale sings no more she's an ugly brown bird.

BIRTH

No man can help his birth.—*Hans Andersen.*

Our birth made us mortal, our death will make us immortal.

BLAME

When a man does all he can though he succeed not well, blame not him that did it.—*George Washington.*

BLESSINGS

Blessings are not valued until they are gone.

Nothing on earth is completely blessed.—*Horace.*

BLINDNESS

A blind horse goes straight forward.—*German.*

A blind man is no judge of colors.—*Italian.*

Better be one-eyed than quite blind.—*Portuguese.*

Better squinting than blind.—*Dutch.*

Blind men must not run.

He is very blind who cannot see the sun.—*Italian.*

If the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch.—*Matthew* 15 : 14.

None so blind as those who won't see.

There are none so blind as they who wilfully shut their eyes.—*Arabian.*

BLOOD

Blood is thicker than water.—*German.*

Human blood is all of one color.

The cold in clime are cold in blood.—*Byron.*

BLOWING

He that blows in the fire must get sparks in his eyes.—*German.*

He who blows upon dust fills his eyes with it.—*Italian.*

BLUNDERS

Like the cow that gives a good pail of milk and then kicks it over.

BLUSHING

A blush on the face is better than a blot on the heart.—*Don Quixote.*

Blushing is virtue's color.

Men may blush to hear what they were not ashamed to act.

The man that blushes is not quite a brute.—*Young.*

BOASTING

A boaster and a liar are cousins.

A boaster and a liar are much about the same thing.

Action, not speech, proves the man.

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

Before the time great courage, when at the point great fear.—*Spanish.*

Believe a boaster as you would a liar.—*Italian.*

Big words seldom go with good deeds.—*Danish.*

Boasting renders one ridiculous.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—*Proverbs* 27 : 1.

Brave actions never want a trumpet.

Deeds are fruits; words are but leaves.

Empty men are trumpets of their own deeds.—*Massinger.*

Every braggart shall be found an ass.—*Shakespeare.*

God and men think him a fool who brags of his own great wisdom.

Great talkers are not great doers.—*French, Dutch.*

He that boasteth of himself affronts his company.

He that boasts of his own knowledge proclaims his ignorance.

Make good flour and you need no trumpet.

None more apt to boast than those who have least real worth.

Of big words and feathers many go to the pound.—*German.*

Self-praise indicates that your reputation is small.

Self-praise is no recommendation.

The empty vessel makes the greatest sound.—*Shakespeare.*

Shallow waters make most din.

There is no ass but brays.—*Turkish.*

The worst praise is self-praise.

BOLDNESS

A bold fellow is the jest of wise men and the idol of fools.

A bold man has luck in his train.—*Danish.*

A bold onset is half the battle.—*German.*

Be bold but not too bold.

Boldness is ever blind, therefore it is ill in counsel but good in execution.—*Bacon.*

BOOKS

A book that remains shut is but a block.

A good book is the best of friends, the same to-day and forever.—*Tupper.*

A good book is the best companion.

A habit all should cultivate,
Is to read and ruminate.

A house is no home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as for the body.—*Ossoli.*

A library is a repository of medicine for the mind.—*Greek.*

A man may usually be known by the books he reads as well as by the company he keeps.—*Smiles.*

Be careful what you read.

Book-keeping taught in one lesson,—don't lend them.—*Punch.*

Books are the best things, well used; abused, among the worst.—*Emerson.*

Books cannot always please, however good;
Minds are not ever craving for their food.
—*Geo. Crabbe.*

Books should to one of these four ends conduce,
For wisdom, piety, delight or use.
—*Denham.*

Choose an author as you choose a friend.—*Earl of Roscommon.*

He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counsellor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter.—*Isaac Barrow.*

He who has published an injurious book sins in his very grave, corrupts others while he is rotting himself.—*Robert South.*

In reading, as in eating, an appetite is half the feast.

Judge not a book by its cover.

Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is that of a good book.

People are not usually better than the books they read.

Reading a poor book is an opportunity lost of reading a good one.

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.—*Bacon.*

Tell me what you read and I'll tell you what you are.

There is no worse robber than a bad book.—*Italian.*

Those who eat most are not always fattest; those who read most, not always wisest.

'Tis not how much but how well we read.

We are as liable to be corrupted by books as by companions.—*Fielding.*

BORROWING

Better buy than borrow.

Beware of borrowing: it bringeth care by night and disgrace by day.—*Hindoo.*

Friendship stops where borrowing begins.

He who is quick at borrowing is slow at paying.—*German.*

If you would know the value of money, try to borrow some.—*Franklin.*

It is hard to pay for bread that has been eaten.—*Danish.*

In borrowing an angel, in repaying a devil.—*French.*

It is a fraud to borrow what we are unable to repay.—*Syrus.*

Long borrowed is not given.—*German.*

Money borrowed is soon sorrowed.

Neither trust nor contend,
Borrow nor lend,
And you'll gain in the end.
—*Spanish.*

That is but an empty purse that is full of other men's money.

The borrower is servant to the lender.—*Proverbs 22:7.*

Who goeth a borrowing,
Goeth a sorrowing.
—*Tusser.*

BOYS

A hobble-de-hoy, half a man and half a boy.

As the boy so the man.—*German.*

Boys will be boys.

Boys will be men.

Let nothing offensive to eye or ear be seen or heard under a roof where a boy resides.—*Latin.*

Once a man, twice a boy.—*Latin.*

When the boy is growing he has a wolf in his belly.—*German.*

BRAINS

All the brains are not in one head.—*Italian.*

Every one gives himself credit for more brains than he has.—*Italian.*

Fat paunches make lean pates.

BREAD

Bread is the staff of life.—*Swift.*

Half a loaf is better than no bread.

Salt and bread make the cheeks red.—*German.*

BREVITY

Brevity is the soul of wit.—*Shakespeare.*

Short and sweet.

'Tis better to be brief than tedious.—*Shakespeare.*

BRIBERY

Bribery and theft are first cousins.

Corruption of the best becomes the worst.

They who fight with golden weapons are pretty sure to prove their right.—*Dutch.*

BRIDES

A rich bride goes young to the church.—*German.*

BROOMS

A bad broom leaves a dirty room.

New brooms sweep clean.—*Italian, German, Dutch, Danish.*

BROTHERS

A brother's sufferings claim a brother's pity.—*Addison.*

The wrath of brothers is the wrath of devils.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

BULLIES

Bullies, coward-hearted, attack in public to be parted.—Gay.

The bully is always a coward.—*The Fable of the Stag and the Fawn.*

BURDENS

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.—*Galatians* 6:2.

Every man thinks his own burthen the heaviest.—*Seneca.*

It is not the burthen but the overburthen that kills the beast.—*Spanish.*

Light burdens borne far become heavy.—*French, German.*

None knows the weight of another's burthen.

The burthen which was thoughtlessly got must be patiently borne.—*Gaelic.*

BURNS

The fire that burneth taketh the heat out of a burn.

Better blow hard than burn yourselves.—*Danish.*

BUSINESS MAXIMS

A fair exchange brings no quarrel.—*Danish.*

A man without a smiling face must not open a shop.—*Chinese.*

A nimble sixpence is better than a slow shilling.

A penny saved is a penny earned.

A single penny fairly got,
Is worth a thousand that are not.
—*German.*

At market prices do your trade,
And mutual wrangling you'll evade.
—*Chinese.*

Bad ware is never cheap.—*French.*

Bad ware must be cried up.

Begin everything at the right time.

Be slow in becoming security for another.

Better sell for small profits than fail in business.—*Chinese.*

Beware of little expenses.

Beware of one who has nothing to lose.

Boldness in business is the first, second and third thing.

Business before pleasure.

Business makes a man as well as tries him.

Business may be troublesome, but idleness is pernicious.

Business neglected is business lost.

Business sweetens pleasure, and labor sweetens rest.

By entering all that's sold or bought,
You'll escape much anxious afterthought.
—*Chinese.*

Cheap things are not good, good things are not cheap—*Chinese.*

Confidence is the companion of success.

Consideration gets as many victories as rashness loses.

Credit is capital.

Creditors have better memories than debtors.

Despatch is the soul of business.—*Chesterfield.*

Do business, but be not a slave to it.

Drive thy business; let not that drive thee.—*Franklin.*

Earn money before you spend it.

Everybody's business is nobody's business.

From small profits and many expenses,
Come a whole life of sad consequences.
—*Chinese.*

Great capital, great profits.—*Chinese.*

Great profits, great risks.—*Chinese.*

Good ware makes a quick market.

Great profits on small capital are after all small.—*Chinese.*

Haste makes waste, and waste makes want.

Have one good business and stick to it.

He has an eye to business.

He loses his market who has nothing to sell.—*Spanish.*

He that heeds not a penny shall never have any.

He that mindeth not his own business shall never mind mine.—*Spanish.*

He that would thrive must rise at five.

He who finds fault means to buy.

If you desire to prosper, do not make too great haste to get rich.

If you wish anything done well, see to it yourself.

If you would not be cheated ask the price at three shops.—*Chinese.*

In business one must be perfectly affable.—*Chinese.*

I sell nothing on trust till to-morrow.

It is easy to open a shop but hard to keep it open.—*Chinese.*

Let no man anticipate uncertain profits.—*Dr. Johnson.*

Life is too short to learn more than one business well.

Little and often fills the purse.

Never sign a writing till you have read it.

No one has a good market for bad merchandise.—*French.*

Nothing is had for nothing.—*French.*

On a good bargain think twice.

One cannot manage too many affairs.

Penny wise and pound foolish.

Pleasing ware is half sold.

Punctuality is the soul of business.

Put the right man in the right place.

Quick returns make rich merchants.

Sell publicly and buy privately.

Short reckonings make long friends.

Small profits and often, are better than large profits and seldom.—*German.*

Small profits on large capital are after all great.—*Chinese.*

Some are very busy and yet do nothing.

Stock that never lies dead naturally yields a profit.—*Chinese.*

The best is the cheapest.

The honest penny is better than the stolen dollar.

The man who neglects his business will soon have none.

Thrice happy they who have an occupation.—*Byron.*

To be a merchant the art consists more in getting paid than in making sales.—*Spanish.*

To do a good trade wants nothing but resolution; to do a large one nothing but application.—*Chinese.*

Trust in God but mind your business.

Venture a small fish to catch a great one.

We can deal with ready money customers: those who want credit may spare their breath.—*Chinese.*

Weigh right and sell dear.

Whenever you go about to trade,
Of showing your silver be afraid.
—*Chinese.*

Who busies himself where no profit is found,
Remains a fool the whole year round.

While the dust is on your feet sell what you have bought.—*Hebrew.*

Who can reckon well will not become poor.—*German.*

Words fine and bold, are goods half sold.—*German.*

BUSY

Some are always busy and never do anything.

Who more busy than they that have the least to do.

BUYING

He who disparages wants to buy.—*French, Italian, German, Spanish.*

Don't buy a cat in a bag.—*German, Dutch.*

Don't buy everything that's cheap, and you'll escape being taken in.—*Chinese.*

He who buys what he doesn't want will sell what he does want.—*Italian, German.*

It is good to buy when another wants to sell.—*Italian.*

It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer, but when he is gone his way then he boasteth.—*Proverbs* 20: 14.

There are more foolish buyers than foolish sellers.

CALM

A calm portends a storm.—*Italian.*

After a storm comes a calm.

CANDOR

Better a friendly denial than unwilling compliance.—*German.*

Candor breeds hatred.—*Latin.*

Candor is a great virtue.—*Beaconsfield.*

CARES

Care brings on gray hairs and age without years.—*German.*

Care follows the increase of wealth.—*Horace.*

Care is an enemy to life.—*Shakespeare.*

Care will kill a cat, yet there's no living without it.

Cast all your care on God, that anchor holds.—*Tennyson.*

Little goods—little care.

> 'Tis the vile daily drop on drop which wears
> The soul out (like the stone) with petty cares.
> —*Byron.*

CAREFULNESS

Better repair the gutter than the whole house.—*Portuguese.*

Care and diligence bring luck.

Don't play with the bear if you don't want to be bit.—*Italian.*

It is best to trust to two anchors.—*Latin.*

It is better to be sure than sorry.

Look before you leap.—*Italian, German.*

Take heed will surely speed.

The best armor is to keep out of gunshot.—*Horace.*

CARELESSNESS

Careless men let their end steal upon them unawares and unprovided.

"Don't care" has no house.—*American Negro.*

For the want of a nail the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe the horse was lost; for the want of a horse the man was lost.—*Franklin.*

"I don't care,"
Is a deadly snare.

CARPENTERS

The worse the carpenter, the more the chips.—*Dutch.*

CATS

A mewing cat is never a mouser.—*Spanish.*

He is like a cat, he always falls on his feet.

Wanton kittens make sober cats.

When the cat's away the mice will play.—*French, German, Spanish, Danish, Portuguese.*

Who will not feed the cats, must feed the mice and rats.—*German.*

The cat loves fish but is loth to wet her feet.—*Italian, German.*

The scalded cat (or dog) dreads cold water.—*Italian, Spanish.*

CAT'S PAW

He beat the bushes and another caught the birds.—*French.*

He has given him the bag to hold.

To do like the monkey, take the chestnuts out of the fire with the cat's paw.

CATTLE

A change of pasturage makes fat calves.—*Spanish.*

CAUSES

A good cause needs help.—*French.*

Everything must have a cause.—*Chinese.*

Every why hath a wherefore.—*Dutch.*

The bell doth not ring of itself.—*Plautus.*

CAUTION

Be cautious what you say, of whom and to whom.—*Fielding.*

Better turn than burn.—*Scotch.*

Caution is the parent of safety.

Fortunate is he whom the dangers of others have rendered cautious. —*Latin.*

Hope for the best; get ready for the worst.

If thou canst not see the bottom wade not.

I'll sleep on it.—*Dutch.*

Much caution does no harm.—*Portuguese.*

Never fall out with your bread and butter.

Never venture out of your depth till you can swim.

The way to be safe is never to feel secure.—*Burke.*

To fear the worst, oft cures the worst.—*Shakespeare.*

Too great a leap falls into the ditch.

Trust not a great weight to a slender thread.

When clouds are seen, wise men put on their cloaks.—*Shakespeare.*

When in doubt what to do—don't do it.

CERTAINTY

A thousand probabilities do not make one truth.—*Italian.*

Nothing certain but uncertainty.

Nothing is certain in this world but death and taxes.

It is better to be sure than sorry.

Quit not certainty for hope.

To-day's egg is better than to-morrow's hen.—*Persian.*

CHANGES

As turning the logs will make a fire burn, so changes of study a dull brain.—*Longfellow.*

People often change and seldom do better.

Too great and sudden changes, though for the better, are not easily borne.

Who often changes, suffers.—*French.*

CHARACTER

A character, like a kettle, once mended always wants mending.

Character is what God and the angels know of us; reputation is what men and women think of us.—*Horace Mann.*

Character is what we are in the dark.

Character is what you are, reputation is what people think you are. —*G. W. Hoss.*

Character secures respect.

Sow an act and reap a habit;
Sow a habit and reap a character;
Sow a character and reap a destiny.
—*Boardman.*

That ought to be called a loss that is gained by the sacrifice of character.—*Syms.*

The crown and glory of man is character. It is the noblest possession of man.—*Smiles.*

Your character cannot be essentially injured but by your own acts.

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;
When health is lost, something is lost;
When character is lost, all is lost!
—*German.*

CHARITY

A charitable man is the true lover of God.

A gift with a kind word is a double gift.

As cold as charity.

Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.—*Ecclesiastes* 11 : 1.

Charity begins at home yet should not end there.

Charity shall cover a multitude of sins.—1 *Peter* 4 : 8.

Charity gives itself rich, covetousness hoards itself poor.—*German.*

Charity suffereth long and is kind.—1 *Corinthians* 13 : 4.

Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame.—*Pope.*

From him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.—*Matthew* 5 : 42.

He most lives who lives most for others.

He that does good to another, does good to himself.—*Seneca.*

He that has no charity deserves no mercy.

In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity.
—*Pope.*

It is good to lend to God and the soil; they pay good interest.—*Danish.*

Live to do good and you will never tire of your employment.

The charitable give out at the door, and God puts in at the window.

The highest charity is charity towards the uncharitable.—*Buckminster.*

True happiness consists in making happy.—*Hindoo.*

CHASTITY

A chaste eye exiles licentious looks.

A greater injury cannot be offered to innocent chastity than unjust suspicion.—*Massinger.*

Chastity once tarnished can be restored by no art.—*Ovid.*

Dear to heaven is saintly chastity.—*Milton.*

He who has one foot in a brothel has another in a hospital.—*Spanish.*

When a woman has lost her chastity, she will shrink from no crime.—*Tacitus.*

CHASTISING

Chasten thy son while there is hope.

Chastise a good child that it may not grow bad, and a bad one that it may not grow worse.—*Danish.*

Chastise one that is worthless and he will presently hate you.—*Spanish.*

Correction bringeth fruit.—*Dutch.*

Correction is good when administered in time.—*Danish.*

Correction should not respect what is past so much as what is to come.

I chastise thee not out of hatred but out of love.

Who chastises his child will be honored by him; who chastises him not will be ashamed.—*Dutch.*

Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.—*Hebrews* 12:6.

Whom the Lord loveth he correcteth.—*Proverbs* 3:12.

CHEATING

An evil gain is equal to a loss.

An old rat won't go into a trap.—*Dutch.*

A rascal praised, you make his faults your own.—*Horace.*

Cheating play never thrives.

Cheat me in the price but not in the goods.

Do you not smell a rat?—*Ben Jonson.*

Fair words make me look at my purse.

Good words and bad deeds deceive both wise and simple.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

He that cheateth in small things is a fool, but in greater things is a rogue.

He that is cheated twice by the same man is an accomplice with the cheater.

Old birds are not caught with chaff.

One trick needs a great many more to make it good.

Swindling is the perfection of civilization.—*Voltaire.*

The biter is sometimes bit.—*French, Italian.*

There are tricks in all trades but ours.

The singed cat lives long.

The wise is only once betrayed.—*German.*

When we think to catch, we are sometimes caught.—*Spanish.*

CHEESE

Cheese and bread make the cheek red.—*German.*

Cheese is gold in the morning, silver at noon and lead at night.—*German.*

Cheese is a peevish elf, it digests all things but itself.

CHEERFULNESS

Cheerful company shortens the miles.—*German.*

Cheerfulness and good-will make labor light.

Cheerfulness is a duty we owe to others.

Continual cheerfulness is a sign of wisdom.

CHICKENS

A setting hen never grows fat.

Fat hens lay few eggs.—*German.*

Hens like to lay where they see an egg.—*Dutch.*

In cold weather cocks crow at midnight.—*Chinese.*

Prepare a nest for the hen and she will lay eggs for you.—*Portuguese.*

CHILDREN

A child's sorrow is short lived.—Danish.

A chip of the old block.

A father maintains ten children better than ten children maintain one father.—*German.*

A man soon learns how little he knows when a child begins to ask questions.

An indulgent mother makes a sluttish daughter.—*Dutch.*

As the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

A suspicious parent makes an artful child.—*Haliburton.*

A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.—*Proverbs* 10: 1.

Better the child cry than the old man.—*Danish.*

Children are poor men's riches.—*Danish.*

Children are what they are made.—*French.*

Children, fools, and drunkards tell the truth.—*German.*

Children have wide ears and long tongues.

Children married, cares increase.—*Spanish.*

Children should be seen, not heard.

Children tell in the highway what they hear by the fireside.—*Portuguese.*

From children expect childish acts.—*Danish.*

Discipline is a medicine to be used sparingly lest its virtue be lost.

Every mother's child is handsome.

He knows not what love is that has not children.—*Italian.*

He that brings up his son to nothing breeds a thief.

He that loves his child chastises him.—*Dutch.*

He that spareth the rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chastiseth him betimes.—*Proverbs* 13: 24.

He who takes the child by the hand takes the mother by the heart.—*Danish.*

Like father, like son.—*Portuguese.*

Of listening children have your fears;
For little children have great ears.
—*Dutch.*

Our neighbor's children are always the worst.—*German.*

Spare the rod and spoil the child.

The best horse needs breaking and the aptest child needs teaching.

The burnt child dreads the fire.

The eternal child dwells in fine natures.—*De Quincey.*

The house without children is a cemetery.—*Sanscrit.*

The offspring of them that are very old or very young lasteth not.

To your son give a good name and a trade.—*Spanish.*

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.—*Proverbs* 22:6.

We think our fathers fools, so wise we grow,
Our wiser sons will think us so.
—*Pope.*

What is learned in the cradle lasts to the grave.—*French.*

When children stand quiet they have done some mischief.

Young twigs may be bent but not trees.—*Dutch.*

CHRISTIANITY

A Christian is God Almighty's gentleman.—*I. C. Hare.*

A Christian is the highest style of man.—*Young.*

CHRISTMAS

At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—*Tusser.*

Green Christmas, a white Easter.

CHURCHES

Better come late to church than never.—*Danish.*

Big churches, little saints.—*German.*

God, Sunday;
Devil, Monday.

Many bring their clothes to church rather than themselves.

The church has no fear of just reasoners.—*Beaconsfield.*

What the soul is to man, the church is to the world.—*Beaconsfield.*

CIRCUMSTANCES

Circumstances alter cases.

Circumstances are beyond the control of man, but his conduct is in his own power.—*Beaconsfield.*

CITIES

A great city—a great solitude.

The disgrace of the city is the fault of the citizens.—*Greek.*

CLAY

If the clay is not beat, it does not become potter's clay.—*Greek.*

Unless the clay be well pounded, no pitcher can be made.—*Latin.*

We are clay in the hands of the potter.

You can imitate anything with moist clay.

CLEANLINESS

Cleanliness is next to godliness.—*Wesley.*

Cleanliness is the key of prayer.—*Arabian.*

CLEVERNESS

A clever man turns great troubles into little ones and little ones into none at all.—*Chinese.*

If you are not very clever be conciliatory.—*Beaconsfield.*

CLOUDS

All clouds bring not rain.—*Dutch.*

Every cloud has a silver lining.

One cloud is enough to eclipse all the sun.

CLOTHES

An ape's an ape, a varlet's a varlet,
Though they be clad in silk and scarlet.

As a man dresses so is he esteemed.—*Danish.*

A smart coat is a good letter of introduction.—*Dutch.*

A slovenly dress betokens a careless mind.—*Don Quixote.*

Clothes make the man.—*Dutch.*

Dress changes the manners.—*Voltaire.*

Every bird is known by its feathers.

Fine feathers make fine birds.—*French, Dutch.*

Good clothes open all doors.

He is the best dressed whose dress no one observes.—*Trollope.*

In my own city my name, in a strange city my clothes procure me respect.

Loveliness . . . is, when unadorned, adorned the most.—*Thompson.*

More goes to the making of a fine gentleman than fine clothes.

No fine clothes can hide the clown.

That suit is best that best fits me.

The apparel oft proclaims the man.—*Shakespeare.*

The coat does not make the man.—*German.*

The fool well dressed
Is at his best.

The tailor makes the man.

COLORS

Gray and green make the worst medley.

COLTS

A colt you may break but an old horse you never can.

A wild colt may become a sober horse.

The best colt needs breaking.

The wildest colts make the best horses when they come to be properly broke and handled.—*Themistocles.*

COMFORT

It is poor comfort for one who has broken his leg that another has broken his neck.—*Danish.*

COMPLAINING

Constant complaints never get pity.

Do all things without murmurings and disputings.—*Philippians* 2: 14.

Make it a point never to complain.—*Beaconsfield.*

COMPLEXION

Falseness often lurks beneath fair hair.—*Danish.*

COMPLIMENTS

Compliments cost nothing, yet many pay dear for them.—*German.*

In society compliments are loans which the lenders expect to be repaid with heavy interest.—*Punch.*

COMPROMISE

If the mountain will not go to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain.

CONCEIT

Be not wise in your own conceits.—*Romans* 12: 16.

Egotism is an alphabet of one letter.—*London Truth.*

He that is full of himself is empty.

He that falls in love with himself will have no rival.—*Franklin.*

He that looks too much at himself looks too little to himself.

If you love yourself overmuch, nobody else will love you at all.

Ignorance is less hateful than conceitedness.

Ignorance is the mother of conceit.

In men this blunder still you find,
All think their little set mankind.
—*Hannah More.*

It is a good thing to have the conceit taken out of us.

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.—*Proverbs* 26:12.

Self-conceit is a poor seat to sit on.

Self-conceit is harder to cure than cancer.

Self-exaltation is the fool's paradise.

'Tis self-conceit makes opinion obstinate.

Two Sir Positives can scarce meet without a skirmish.

Wind puffs up empty bladders, opinion fools.—*Socrates.*

CONCENTRATION

A man of many trades begs his bread on Sundays.—*Scotch.*

Doing everything is doing nothing.

Do one thing at a time.

He who commences many things finishes but few.—*Italian.*

He who has many irons in the fire will let some of them burn.—*Danish.*

Not many things imperfectly but a few well.

The fellow with one idea generally grows rich while he who calls him a fool dies poor.

The man who seeks one thing in life, and but one,
May hope to achieve it before life is done.

The narrower the edge the deeper it cuts.

Who undertakes many things at once, seldom does anything well.—*Dutch.*

CONDUCT, RULES OF

All doors open to courtesy.

A man without ceremony has need of great merit in its place.

Be gentle and loving,
Be kind and polite,
Be thoughtful for others,
Be sure to do right.

Behave towards every one as if receiving a great guest.—*Confucius.*

Civility costs nothing.

Civility is the result of good nature and good sense.

Conceal thy domestic ills.—*Thales.*

Conquer thyself.—*Chinese.*

Come not near the books or writings of any one so as to read them unasked.—*George Washington.*

Comparisons are odious.—*French, Italian.*

Courtesie is cumbersome to them that ken it not.—*Scotch.*

Courtesy all on one side cannot last long.—*French.*

Cultivate a chaste imagination.

Deride not the unfortunate.

Do not make fish of one and flesh of another.

Do not meddle with clandestine affairs.—*Hindoo.*

Do not neglect your own field and plough your neighbor's.—*Hindoo.*

Do not publish people's defects.—*Hindoo.*

Do not rake up old grievances.

Don't bluntly contradict any one.

Don't cultivate a sense of oversmartness.

Don't make yourself poor to one who won't make you rich.—*Danish.*

Don't scald your tongue in other people's broth.

Even a dog well bred makes hosts of friends.

Every action in company ought to be some sign of respect to those present.—*Washington.*

Excess of ceremony shows want of breeding.

Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.—*Emerson.*

Hat in hand,
Goes through the land.
—*German.*

He that is courteous at all, will be courteous to all.—*Gaelic.*

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

In courtesy rather pay a penny too much than too little.

It is not discourteous to refuse to do wrong.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.—*Emerson.*

Manners make the man.

Manners often make fortunes.

Meat feeds, an' claith cleeds, but manners make a man.—*Scotch.*

Men, like bullets, go furthest when polished.—*Richter.*

Never apologize for showing feeling.

Never be too much elated.—*Latin.*

Never be weary of well-doing.

Never deny your assistance, nor ever do anybody any hurt.—*French peasant.*

Never do anything of which you are ashamed.

Never grieve over spilt milk.

Never insult people in distress.—*Fable of the wanton calf.*

Never make a mountain of a mole-hill.

Never mourn over the past nor mope over the future.—*Rev. Dr. Crowley.*

Never neglect an opportunity for improvement.—*Sir Wm. Jones.*

Never repent a good action.—*Danish.*

Never take anything for granted.—*Beaconsfield.*

Obliging conduct procures deserved esteem.

Observe decorum even in your sport.—*Latin.*

One should always conciliate.—*German.*

Produce much, consume little, labor diligently, speak cautiously.—*Chinese.*

Quiet manners are a mark of good breeding.

Read no letters, books, or papers in company.

Remember always to be gentle and attentive to older people.

Rule lust, temper the tongue, and bridle the belly.

Scholarship is fine, but it does not atone for ill breeding.

Simplicity in manners has an enchanting effect.

Striking manners are bad manners.—*Rev. Robt. Hall.*

Speak not in an unknown tongue in company, but in your own language.—*George Washington.*

Speak not when others speak.—*George Washington.*

Tell not all you know nor judge of all you see if you would live in peace.—*Spanish.*

The courteous learns his courtesy from the discourteous.—*Persian.*

The small courtesies sweeten life; the greater ennoble it.—*Tannahill.*

There is nothing that costs less than civility.—*Don Quixote.*

Too much courtesy—too much craft.

Use no reproachful language against any one, neither curse, nor revile.—*George Washington.*

We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly.—*Voltaire.*

When another speaks be attentive yourself, and disturb not the audience.—*George Washington.*

CONFESSION

A generous confession disarms slander.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but who confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—*Proverbs* 28: 13.

Open confession is good for the soul.

CONFIDENCE

Confidence begets confidence.—*German.*

Confidence cannot be won in a day.

CONNOISSEURS

The connoisseur is one who knows, as opposed to the dilettante who thinks he knows.—*Fairholt.*

CONSCIENCE

A clear conscience is a soft pillow.

A clear conscience laughs at false accusations.

A good conscience is heaven, a bad one hell.—*German.*

A good conscience knows no fear.—*German.*

A good conscience makes a joyful countenance.—*German.*

A guilty conscience is an enemy that lives with its possessor.—*Tamil.*

A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

An evil conscience is always fearful and unquiet.

A peace above all earthly dignities,
A still and quiet conscience.
—*Shakespeare.*

A pure conscience may defy city gossips.—*Beaconsfield.*

An evil deed has a witness in the bosom.—*Danish.*

Conscience doth make cowards of us all.—*Shakespeare.*

Conscience is the champion of justice.

He that loses his conscience has nothing left that is worth keeping.—*Izaak Walton.*

It is always term-time in the court of conscience.

Keep a good conscience and you will be happy.—*Thomas à Kempis.*

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.—*George Washington.*

Man's conscience is the oracle of God.—*Byron.*

Men take less care of their conscience than their reputation.

Nothing is more wretched than a guilty conscience.—*Ben Jonson.*

The indispensable requisite to happiness is a clear conscience.—*Gibbon.*

To live with no conscience is to live like a beast,
To live with good conscience, a perpetual feast.

Value a good conscience more than praise.

We do nothing but in the presence of two great witnesses, God and our conscience.

You cannot purchase a good conscience.

CONSISTENCY

Blacksmiths do not wear white silk aprons.

Consistency, thou art a jewel.

CONTENTMENT

A contented mind is a continual feast.

A man is only as rich as he is contented.

Be content with your lot while you look for a better.

> Content can soothe where'er by fortune placed,
> Can rear a garden in the desert waste.
> —*H. K. White.*

Content is happiness.

Content is an inexhaustible treasure.—*Turkish.*

Content is the philosopher's stone that turns all it touches into gold.

Content lodges oftener in cottages than palaces.

Contentment does not mean stagnation.

Contentment is better than riches.

Contentment makes the poorest man rich.

Discontents arise from our desires oftener than from our wants.

Enough is as good as a feast.—*Dutch.*

Happy is he who is content.—*German.*

Let every one be content with what God has given him.—*Portuguese.*

Let us thank God and be content with what we have.

The noblest mind the best contentment has.—*Spenser.*

To the discontented man no chair is easy.—*Franklin.*

What's more miserable than discontent?—*Shakespeare.*

What and how great the virtue and the art
To live on little with a cheerful heart.
—*Pope.*

What's an estate good for if it cannot buy content?

CONTROVERSY

A jeer and a sneer
Never proved anything yet, my dear.

Contradiction should awaken attention not passion.

Convince a man against his will,
He's of the same opinion still.
—*Gay.*

No man believes his creed who is afraid to hear it attacked.—*Wendell Phillips.*

CONVERSION

It is nobler to convert souls than to conquer kingdoms.—*Louis le Debonnaire.*

COOKS

A good fire makes a good cook.—*Dutch.*

But civilized man cannot live without cooks.—*Owen Meredith.*

Every cook praises his own broth.

Many cooks spoil the broth.

COOKING

A watched pot is long in boiling.

The stew that boils much loseth its flavor.—*Spanish.*

COQUETTES

A coquette often loses her reputation while she possesses her virtue. —*Spectator.*

If the men did not encourage coquettes so much there would not be so many of them.—*Punch.*

The greatest miracle of love is the reformation of a coquette.——*Rochefoucauld.*

COST

That which costs us little is lightly esteemed.—*Don Quixote.*

The cost ofttimes takes away the relish.

The cost takes away the taste.—*French.*

COUNSEL

Counsel after action is like rain after harvest.—*Danish.*

Counsel before action.—*Dutch.*

Counsel is irksome when the matter is past remedy.

Counsel is no command.

Counsel must be followed, not praised.

Counsel over cups is crazy.

Everybody knows good counsel except him that has need of it.—*German.*

Good counsel brings good fruit.—*German.*

Good counsel comes over-night.—*German.*

Good counsel is no better than bad counsel, if it be not taken in time.—*Danish.*

Happy counsels flow from sober feasts.—*Homer.*

He that will not be counseled cannot be helped.

If the counsel be good no matter who gave it.

In the multitude of counselors there is safety.—*Proverbs* 24:6.

It is easier to give good counsel than to follow it.—*German.*

It is safer to hear and take counsel than to give it.

No man so wise but may easily err, if he will take no other counsel but his own.—*Ben Jonson.*

To give counsel to a fool is like throwing water on a goose.—*Danish.*

COUNTENANCES

A good countenance is a letter of recommendation.—*Fielding.*

The countenance is the index of the mind.—*Latin.*

COUNTRY

God made the country, man made the town.—*Byron.*

COURAGE

A good cause makes a stout heart and a strong arm.

Boldly ventured is half won.—*German.*

Conscious right gives us courage.

Courage consists not in hazarding without fear but in being resolute minded in a just cause.

Dare to do right; fear to do wrong.

Do what you ought come what may.—*French, Italian.*

Good courage breaks ill luck to pieces.

None but the brave deserve the fair.—*Dryden.*

Nothing is invincible to the brave nor impregnable to the bold.—*Alexander.*

Some have been thought brave because they were afraid to run away.

Tender handed stroke a nettle and it stings you for your pains;
Grasp it like a man of mettle, and it soft as silk remains.

That valor which is not founded on prudence is rashness.—*Don Quixote.*

The bravest are the tenderest, the loving are the daring.

The great point of honor in men is courage, in women chastity.—*Spectator.*

There is a courage which grows out of fear.

There is a great difference between a due regard to valor and a contempt of life.—*Cato the Elder.*

True courage dares to do right.

True courage grapples with misfortune.—*Tacitus.*

True valor knows as well how to suffer as to act.

Valor can do little without discretion.

Valor would cease to be a virtue if there were no injustice.—*Agesilaus.*

With houses and gold, men are rarely bold (or brave).—*German.*

COURTSHIP

A man may obtain easily a fatherless maid.—*Gaelic.*

A rich man's wooing is seldom long of doing.—*Scotch.*

Every Jack must have his Jill.

Fear in love has no luck.—*German.*

Many court in poetry
And after marriage live in prose.
—*John Foster.*

Men are April when they woo, December when they wed.—*Shakespeare.*

Who the daughter would win,
With mamma must begin.
—*German.*

COWARDICE

A coward calls himself cautious and a miser thrifty.—*Seneca.*

A coward's fear may make a coward valiant.

A man that is cruel is a man that is cowardly.

A tyrant's hand, a coward's heart.

Better be a coward than foolhardy.—*French.*

Between two cowards, he has the advantage who first detects the other.—*Italian.*

But look for ruin when a coward wins,
For fear and cruelty are ever twins.
—*Aleyn.*

Cowards are cruel, but the brave
Love mercy, and delight to save.
—*Gay.*

Cowards die many times before their death;
The valiant never taste death but once.
—*Shakespeare.*

Cowards falter, but danger is often overcome by those who nobly dare.—*Queen Elizabeth.*

Cowards have no luck.—*German.*

Great cowardice is hidden by a bluster of daring.—*Lucan.*

Many would be cowards if they had courage enough.

Tears are no proof of cowardice.—*Sterne.*

CRAFTINESS

A crafty fellow never has any peace.

Craft borders on knavery; wisdom neither uses nor wants it.

Craft, counting all things, brings nothing home.

Crafty evasions save not veracity.

Crafty men deal in generals.

More crafty than the cuckoo. (*A cuckoo lays her eggs in the nests of other birds.*)

CREDIT

Credit cuts off customers.—*Chinese.*

Credit, like a looking-glass,
Broken once, is gone, alas!

Good credit is a bank account.

If your credit is found dead in the road some day,
You may look for a murderer by the name of Bad Pay.

My capital's small and profit's slender;
On credit my goods I can't surrender.
—*Chinese.*

Who doesn't take care of his credit will soon have none to take care of.

Who sells upon credit has much custom but little money.—*German.*

CRIME

A crime in which many are implicated goes unpunished.—*Lucan.*

A great crime is in a great man greater.—*Massinger.*

Extraordinary crimes call aloud for extraordinary remedies.—*Lord Molesworth.*

Let no guilty man escape if it can be avoided.—*U. S. Grant.*

One crime has to be concealed by another.—*Seneca.*

The night is a cloak for sinners.

CRITICISMS

A detractor is his own foe and the world's enemy.

A good word is as soon said as an ill one.—*Scotch.*

Bad eyes never see any good.

Boost, and the world boosts with you,
Knock, and you knock alone;
For a cheerful grin will let you in
Where the knocker is never known.

Censure and scandal are not the same.

Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent.

Critics are brushers of other men's clothes.

Criticism is easy, art is difficult.—*French.*

First look at home, then censure me.

It is easier to pull down than build.

Let thy pride pardon what thy nature needs,
The salutary censure of a friend.
—*Young.*

Make your affairs known in the market-place, and one will call them black and another white.—*Spanish.*

Men condemn because they do not understand.—*Cicero.*

Nothing pays smaller dividends than a captious spirit.

Shallow wits censure everything that is beyond their depth.

Sweep before your own door before you look at your neighbor's.

The absent are always in the wrong.—*French, Dutch.*

The anvil lasts longer than the hammer.—*Italian.*

There is something noble in hearing one's self ill spoken of when one is doing well.—*Alexander.*

The villain's censure is extorted praise.—*Pope.*

They know not their own defects who search for the defects of others.—*Sanscrit.*

To contemn a just condemnation is to kick at a kindness.

Who hath glass windows must take heed how he throws stones.

CROWDS

A crowd is not company.

He who follows the crowd has many companions.—*German.*

CRUELTY

A man of cruelty is God's enemy.

He that strikes my dog would strike me if he durst.

Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn.
—*Burns.*

The only beast we ought to beat,
Is the man who beats his beast.

CUNNING

Cunning has but little honor.—*Danish.*

Cunning is a sort of short-sightedness.—*Addison.*

Cunning is to wisdom as an ape to a man.—*Wm. Penn.*

Cunning men's cloaks sometimes fall.

From cunning to knavery is but a step and that very slippery.—*La Bruyère.*

The greatest cunning is to have none at all.—*French.*

There is cunning in a pointed chin.—*German.*

He who has to do with foxes must look after his hen-roost.—*German.*

CURIOSITY

He that peeps in at his neighbor's window may chance to lose his eyes.—*Arabian.*

He who peeps through a hole may see what will vex him.

Like Lot's wife lots of wives.

Remember Lot's wife.—*Luke* 17:32.

Search not a wound too deep lest thou make a new one.

Who minds his own business has no time to mind other folks'.

CUSTOM

Bad customs are better broken than kept up.

Custom does often reason overrule,
And only serves for reason to the fool.
—*Rochester.*

Custom is the guide of the ignorant.

Custom is the plague of wise men and the idol of fools.

Custom without reason is but an ancient error.

How much of injustice and depravity is sanctioned by custom.—*Terence.*

It is a custom
More honored in the breach than the observance.
—*Shakespeare.*

The empire of custom is most mighty.—*Syrus.*

Tyrant custom makes a slave of reason.

DANGER

A danger foreseen is half avoided.

Danger comes sooner when despised.—*Latin.*

Danger is next neighbor to security.

He is safe from danger who is on his guard even when safe.—*Syrus.*

The danger past and God forgotten.

DAUGHTERS

As the mother so the daughter.—*German.*

My son is my son, till he hath got him a wife,
But my daughter's my daughter all the days of her life.

Would you know your daughter see her in company.

DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

Daughter-in-law hates mother-in-law.—*German.*

DAY

Every day is not a holiday.—*Italian, Dutch.*

Make the night night, and the day day,
And you will live pleasantly.
—*Spanish.*

DEAFNESS

A deaf auditor makes a crazy answerer.—*Danish.*

Deaf men are quick-eyed and distrustful.

None so deaf as those who won't hear.—*French, Italian, Spanish, Danish.*

DEATH

All flesh is grass.—*1 Peter* 1:24.

A man has learned much, who has learned how to die.—*German.*

As dead as a door nail.

Be still prepared for death, and death or life shall thereby be the sweeter.—*Shakespeare.*

Come soon or late death's undetermined day,
This mortal being only can decay.
—*Ovid.*

Death and love are two wings which bear men from earth to heaven.—*Michael Angelo.*

Death defies the doctor.

Death devours lambs as well as sheep.

Death hath nothing terrible in it, but what life hath made so.

Death is the grand leveller.

Death's but a path that must be trod,
If man would ever pass to God.
—*Parnell.*

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.—*Genesis* 3 : 19.

Every one must pay his debt to nature.—*German.*

Good men but see death, the wicked taste it.—*Ben Jonson.*

He dies like a beast who has done no good while he lived.

He has lived to little purpose who can not hope to live after death.

In the midst of life we are in death.

In times of health prepare for death.

It is as natural to die as to be born.

It matters not how *long* we live but *how.*—*P. J. Bailey.*

Men fear death as children fear to go in the dark.—*Bacon.*

Men generally die as they live.

No one so old that he may not live a year, none so young but he may die to-day.—*German.*

The earth produces all things and receives all again.

The fall of a leaf is a whisper to the living.

The greatest business of life is to prepare for death.

The most useful learning in the world is that which teaches us how to die well.

The oldest man that ever lived died at last.—*Gaelic.*

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.—*Gray.*

There is no Death. What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death.

—*Longfellow.*

There is no medicine against death.

The truest end of life is to know life that never ends.—*Beresford.*

The young may die, the old must die.—*German, Dutch.*

Time goes, death comes.—*Dutch, German.*

We all do fade as a leaf.—*Isaiah* 64:6.

DEBTS

A hundred years of regret
Will not pay a farthing of debt.

—*French, German.*

A light debt makes a debtor; a heavy one an enemy.—*Italian.*

A sick man sleeps but not a debtor.—*Spanish.*

A small house is better than a large mortgage.

Better go to bed supperless than rise in debt.—*Franklin.*

Debt hath a small beginning but a giant's growth and strength.—*Beaconsfield.*

Debt is a bitter slavery to the free born.—*Syrus.*

Debt is the prolific mother of folly and crime.—*Beaconsfield.*

Debt is the worst poverty.

Debts turn freemen into slaves.—*Greek.*

Happy is the man that owes nothing.—*Latin.*

He is sowing the seeds of sorrow
Who spends to-day what he earns to-morrow.

If you pay what you owe
What you're worth you'll know.
—*Spanish.*

It is hard to pay for bread that has been eaten.—*Danish.*

Keep out of debt.

Lying rides upon debt's back.—*Franklin.*

Out of debt, out of danger.

Without debt, without care.—*Italian.*

Words pay no debts.—*Shakespeare.*

DECEIT

If a man deceive me once, shame on him; if he deceive me twice, shame on me.

It is an ill thing to be deceived, but worse to deceive.

It is my own fault if I am deceived by the same man twice.

Mouth and heart are wide apart.—*German.*

Mouth of honey, heart of gall.—*Portuguese.*

Never speak to deceive nor listen to betray.

Oh! what a tangled web we weave,
When first we venture to deceive.

One deceit brings on another.

The wretch that often has deceived,
Though truth he speaks is ne'er believed
—*Phædrus.*

DECISION

Those that are quick to decide are unsafe.—*Greek.*

We ought to weigh well what we can only once decide.—*Syrus.*

DEFEAT

A cause that cannot stand defeat is not worth fighting for.

Defeat is a tonic to a brave man.

DEFORMITIES

A deformed body may have a beautiful soul.

DELAY

Act—act in the living present,
Heart within, and God o'erhead!
—*Longfellow.*

A delay is better than a disaster.

After death, the doctor.

A little too late,
Much too late.
—*German.*

All delay is irksome, but it teaches us wisdom.—*Syrus.*

Better three hours too soon, than a minute too late.—*Shakespeare.*

By the street of "By and By"
One arrives at the house of "Never."
—*Cervantes.*

Delays are dangerous.

Defer not till to-morrow what may be done to-day.

Good is the delay which makes sure.—*Portuguese.*

Have you something to do to-morrow? Do it to-day.—*Franklin.*

How soon "not now" becomes "never!"—*Luther.*

It is too late for the bird to scream when it is caught.—*French.*

It is too late to come with the water when the house is burned down.—*Italian.*

It is too late to lock the stable door when the steed is stolen.—*French, Dutch.*

No one has ever seen to-morrow.

"One of these days" is none of these days.

Procrastination is the thief of time;
Year after year it steals till all are fled.
—*Young.*

There is danger in delay.—*Latin.*

To-morrow comes never.

Too late to grieve when the chance is past.

DELIBERATION

Darkness and night are mothers of thought.—*Dutch.*

Deliberate before you begin, then execute with vigor.—*Sallust.*

Deliberation is not delaying.

Night gives counsel.

Our pillow should be our counsellor.—*Latin.*

Ponder long before you act.

DEPENDENCE

He who depends on another dines ill and sups worse.

DESPAIR

Despair gives courage to a coward.

Despair hath ruined some, but presumption multitudes.

Despair is the conclusion of fools.—*Disraeli.*

Despair is the only genuine atheism.—*Jean Paul.*

He alone is courageous who never despairs—*Confucius.*

It is the nature of despair to blind us to all means of safety.—*Fielding.*

Man's extremity, God's opportunity.

DETERMINATION

He only is a well-made man who has a good determination.—*Emerson.*

He who is determined has half his work done.

"I can't" is a poor servant.

No termination without determination.

The word "impossible" is not in my dictionary.—*Napoleon.*

"Will I ever?" No, you will never while you ask that question.

DEVIL

Better keep the devil out than have to turn him out.—*Scotch.*

Call not the devil, he will come fast enough unbidden.—*Danish.*

It is easy to bid the devil be your guest, but difficult to get rid of him.—*Danish.*

Resist the devil and he will flee from thee.—*James* 4:7.

Open not your door when the devil knocks.

The devil's friendship reaches only to the prison door.—*Turkish.*

The devil turns away from a closed door.

DIFFICULTIES

All things are difficult before they are easy.

DILEMMAS

Between Scylla and Charybdis.

Between the devil and the deep sea.

Like the boy with the bear, he couldn't hold on and was afraid to let go.

DILIGENCE

Difficulties give way to diligence.

Diligence is the mother of good fortune.

Diligence is the mother of success.—*Don Quixote.*

Employ thy time well, and since thou art not sure of a minute throw not away an hour.—*Franklin.*

Generals and premiers spring not from seed corn: men must exert themselves.—*Chinese.*

He that would have the fruit must climb the tree.

Hope in the Lord but exert yourself.—*Russian.*

Make hay while the sun shines.—*German.*

None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.—*Franklin.*

No pear falls into a shut mouth.—*Italian.*

Paddle your own canoe.

Seest thou a man diligent in business? He shall stand before kings.—*Proverbs* 22:29.

The hand of the diligent maketh rich.—*Proverbs* 10: 4.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—*Ecclesiastes* 9: 10.

DIPLOMATISTS

Diplomatists are the Hebrews of politics.—*Beaconsfield.*

DIRT

Every man must eat a peck of dirt before he dies.

DISCRETION

An ounce of discretion is better than a pound of knowledge.—*Italian.*

An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit.

The better part of valor is discretion.—*Shakespeare.*

DISEASES

Abstinence and fasting cure many a complaint.—*Danish.*

A disease known is half cured.

Diet cures more than the lancet.

Diseases are the tax on ill pleasures.

It is part of the cure to wish to be cured.—*Seneca.*

Meet the disease at its approach.

One is not so soon healed as hurt.

Ulcers cannot be cured that are concealed.

What cannot be cured must be endured.—*German, Dutch.*

DISTANCE

'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view,
And robes the mountain in its azure hue.
—*Campbell.*

What is seen at a distance is most respected.—*Tacitus.*

DISTRESS

A man in distress or despair does as much as ten.

DISTRUST

Distrust is poison to friendship.

Distrust is the mother of security.—*La Fontaine.*

DOCTORS

A doctor is one who kills you to-day to prevent you from dying to-morrow.—*Punch.*

An ignorant doctor is no better than a murderer.—*Chinese*

A physician is a man who pours drugs of which he knows little into a body of which he knows less.—*Voltaire.*

A physician is but a consoler of the mind.—*Petronius Arbiter.*

A wise physician is more than armies to the public weal.—*Pope.*

Better wait on the cook than the doctor.

Every man is a fool or a physician at forty.

Fond of lawyers, little wealth;
Fond of doctors, little health.
—*Spanish.*

God healeth and the physician hath the thanks.

If doctors fail thee be these three thy doctors: rest, cheerfulness and moderate diet.—*Latin.*

If the doctor cures, the sun sees it; if he kills, the earth hides it. —*Scotch.*

Many funerals discredit a physician.—*Ben Jonson.*

Mere force of will
May often save a doctor's bill.

Nature doth the cure and the doctor takes the fee.—*Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Dutch.*

Nature, time, and patience are the three great physicians.

New doctor, new churchyard.—*German.*

No physician is better than three.—*German.*

Physicians alone are permitted to murder with impunity.—*Petrarch.*

Physicians' faults are covered with earth and rich men's with money.

The best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.

The disobedience of the patient makes the physician seem cruel.

The first physicians by debauch were made,
Excess began and doth sustain the trade.
—*Dryden.*

Time is the ablest of all mental physicians.—*Fielding.*

When you call the physician call the judge to make your will.—*German.*

Who has a physician has an executioner.—*German.*

Who shall decide when doctors disagree?—*Pope.*

DOGS

A barking dog was never a good hunter.—*Portuguese.*

A dog of an old dog, a colt of a young horse.

All are not thieves whom the dogs bark at.—*German.*

An old dog does not bark for nothing.—*French, Italian.*

An old dog will learn no tricks.

Barking dogs don't bite.—*French, German, Dutch.*

Don't wake a sleeping dog.

He who has not bread to spare should not keep a dog.—*Spanish.*

It is easy robbing when the dog is quieted.—*Italian.*

Never yet the dog our country fed,
Betrayed the kindness or forgot the bread.
—*Bulwer.*

The dog has no aversion to a poor family.—*Chinese.*

The silent dog is the first to bite.—*German*

Timid dogs bark most.—*German.*

DONKEYS

There is no making a donkey drink against his will.—*Italian, Dutch.*

Who is in great haste should not ride an ass.—*German.*

DOUBT

Doubt is a rudderless boat.

Finite knowledge, infinite doubt; infinite knowledge, an end of doubt.

The end of doubt is the beginning of repose.—*Petrarch.*

Too much doubt
Puts Faith to rout.

Twin fools: one doubts nothing; the other, everything.

DREAMS

Dreams are froth (or lies).—*French, German.*

Man is but an ass if he go about to expound his dreams.—*Giles' Proverbs.*

Who lies in a silver bed has golden dreams.—*German.*

DROWNING

A drowning man will catch at a straw.

DUELING

The duel is a perfidious device, by means of which the cutthroat can securely assassinate an honest man.—*French.*

The duellist values his honor above the life of his antagonist and the happiness of his family.

DUTY

Do thy duty that is best,
Leave unto the Lord the rest.

Duty before pleasure.

God helps those that do their duty.

I slept, and dreamed that life was Beauty;
I woke, and found that life was Duty.
—*Ellen Sturgis Hooper.*

New occasions teach new duties.—*Lowell.*

The path of duty is the path of safety.

EARLY RISING

Arise with the lark, but avoid larks in the evening.

Early to bed and early to rise
Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
—*Franklin.*

He that would thrive must arise at five,
He that has thriven may arise at seven.
—*Scotch.*

He who rises early will gather wisdom.—*Danish.*

He who rises late never does a good day's work.

He who rises late may trot all day and not overtake his business.—*Franklin.*

If no profits he spies,
Where's the man will early rise.
—*Chinese.*

If you would earn fame, let not the sun find you in bed.—*Spanish.*

Let not the sun look down and say inglorious here he lies.—*Franklin.*

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be all day hunting for it.—*Whately.*

The early bird catches the worm.

The early riser is healthy, cheerful and industrious.—*French.*

The energetic man and his bed are soon parted.

The morning hour has gold in its mouth.—*German, Dutch, Danish.*

Who makes everything right must rise early.

EATING

A fat belly did not invent gunpowder.—*Greek.*

A full belly neither fights nor flies well.

A full stomach studies unwillingly.—*German.*

A glutton young, a beggar old.—*German.*

Always rise from the table with an appetite, and you will never sit down without one.—*Wm. Penn.*

A man may dig his grave with his teeth.—*Scotch.*

Better go away longing than loathing.

Change is the sauce that sharpens appetite.—*Ford.*

Eating and drinking make the stomach full but the purse empty.—*German.*

Eating little and speaking little can never do any harm.

Eating too much fills the churchyard faster than eating too little.

Eat to live, not live to eat.—*Cicero.*

Enough is better than too much.—*French, Dutch.*

Feed sparingly and defy the physician.

Full bellies make empty skulls.

He that eats till he is sick must fast till he is well.

He who eats but one dish never wants a physician.

He who's always drinkin' and stuffin',
Will become a ragamuffin.
—*German*

Feasting is the physician's harvest.

His eye is bigger than his belly.

His purse and his palate are ill met.

Hunger and thirst scarcely kill any,
But gluttony and drink kill a great many.

Light suppers mak lang life days.—*Scotch.*

More die by food than by famine.

Much meat, much maladies.

Small stomachs, light heels.

Suppers kill more than the greatest doctors ever cured.

Take two bites if one is too large.—*German.*

The palate kills more than the sword.

The stomach is a bad counsellor.—*German.*

The table robs more than the thief.

Variety alone gives joy,
The sweetest meats the soonest cloy.
—*Prior.*

What is one man's meat is another man's poison.

When the stomach is full the heart is glad.—*Dutch.*

Your belly will never let your back be warm.

ECONOMY

A fool may make money, but it requires a wise man to spend it.

A man's voluntary expense should not exceed his income.—*Dr. Johnson.*

A man without thought for the future must soon have present sorrow.—*Confucius.*

Ask thy purse what thou shouldst buy.—*Scotch.*

A spendthrift in youth, a poor man in old age.—*Geo. Herbert.*

Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship.—*Franklin.*

Cut your coat according to your cloth.—*Dutch.*

Economy is a great revenue.—*Cicero.*

Economy is half the battle of life; it is not so hard to earn money as to spend it well.

Economy is too late at the bottom of the purse.—*Seneca.*

Every one is bound to live within his means —*Ovid.*

Frugality is the mother of all virtues.—*Latin.*

He that will not economize will have to agonize.—*Confucius.*

He who does not pick up a pin cares nothing for his wife.—*Spanish.*

He who takes no care of little things will not have the care of great ones.—*German.*

It is petty expenses that empty the purse.—*Italian.*

Keep no more cats than will catch mice.

Keep your purse and your mouth closed.

Never buy what you do not need even if it is cheap.

One's never rich until he commences
To keep ahead of his expenses.

Put your hand quickly to your hat and slowly to your purse and you will take no harm.—*Danish.*

See a pin and let it lie,
You'll want a pin before you die.
—*French.*

Set thy expense according to thy trade.—*Dutch.*

Spare well and spend well.

Spend not when you may save, spare not when you must spend.

Take care of the small sums and the large will take care of themselves.

Take out without putting in soon comes to the bottom.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

The sole sign of a man being in his senses
Is learning to reduce his past expenses.
—*Byron.*

To live according to one's means is honorable; not to do so is dishonorable.

What you do not need is dear at any price.

Who gets, doth much; who keeps, doth more.

EDUCATION

A boy is better unborn than untaught.—*Plato.*

A gem unwrought is a useless thing, so a man unlearned is a senseless being.—*Chinese.*

Acquire not only learning but the habit of learning.

A good education is the best dowry.

A little learning is a dangerous thing.—*Pope.*

Always be willing to learn.

A man cannot leave a better legacy to the world than a well-educated family.—*Thomas Scott.*

A man in this world without learning is as a beast in the field.—*Hitopadesa.*

Better an empty purse than an empty head.

Education begins a gentleman, conversation completes him.

Education is capital invested for the future.

Education is the chief defence of nations.—*Burke.*

Even to rebuild the temple the schools must not be closed.—*Talmud.*

Good instruction is better than riches.—*Wm. Penn.*

He alone is poor who does not possess knowledge.—*Talmud.*

Hear instruction and be wise and refuse it not.—*Proverbs* 8:33.

He that refuses instruction despises his own soul.—*Proverbs* 15:32.

He that inquires much learns much.

He who creates a desire to learn in a child, does more than he who forces it to learn much.

How empty learning and how vain is art,
But as it mends the life and guides the heart.
—*Young.*

If a man empties his purse into his head no man can take it from him.—*Franklin.*

I pity unlearned gentlemen on a rainy day.—*Lord Falkland.*

Knowledge will not be acquired without pains and application.—*Felton.*

Learn all you can here, and God will teach you the rest in heaven.

Learning by study must be won;
'Twas ne'er entailed from sire to son.
—*Gay.*

Learning is better than house and land.—*Disraeli.*

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.—*Young.*

Learning is wealth.

Live to learn and you will learn to live.—*Portuguese.*

No man so ignorant but may teach us something.

Schools are workhouses, not playhouses.

Sluggards are never great scholars.

That teacher helps his pupils most who most helps them to help themselves.

The foundation of every state is its education of its youth.—*Diogenes.*

There is no royal road to learning.

There is not much to a man who is not wiser to-day than yesterday.—*Lincoln.*

There is no wealth like unto knowledge, for thieves cannot steal it.

'Tis hard to educate a frivolous girl or a vicious boy.—*G. W. Hoss.*

To be ignorant is not such shame as to be unwilling to learn.

We are never too old to learn.

Women's wealth is beauty, but learning that of men.—*Burmese.*

Youth is the time to learn.

EMOTION

Soon hot, soon cold.

EMPLOYEES

The way to rise is to obey and please.—*Ben Jonson.*

END

All's well that ends well.—*Shakespeare.*

In all undertakings it is necessary to consider the end.—*La Fontaine.*

The end must justify the means.—*Prior.*

ENEMIES

An enemy has sharp eyes and acute ears.—*German.*

An enemy is a perpetual spy.

Be thine enemy an ant, see in him an elephant.—*Turkish.*

Better an open enemy than a false friend.—*German.*

Better a wise enemy than a foolish friend.—*Greek.*

Better have a dog your friend than your enemy.—*Dutch.*

Better to have the enemy in front than in the rear.

Do not despise your enemy.

How learned a thing it is to beware of the humblest enemy.—*Ben Jonson.*

If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink.—*Romans* 12:20.

If we are bound to forgive an enemy, we are not bound to trust him.

Kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you.—*Matthew* 5 : 44.

Man has not a greater enemy than himself.—*Petrarch.*

Nature teaches us to love our friends but religion our enemies.

No enemy is so despicable but he may do one a vexatious turn.—*L'Estrange.*

One can learn even from an enemy.—*German.*

Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!—*Luke* 6 : 26.

Your enemy makes you wise.—*Italian.*

ENERGY

Speedy execution is the mother of good fortune.

This world belongs to the energetic.—*Emerson.*

ENVY

All human virtue to its latest breath,
Finds envy never conquered but by death.
—*Pope.*

As a moth gnaws a garment, so envy consumeth a man.—*Chrysostomus.*

As rust corrupts iron, so envy corrupts man.—*Anisthenes.*

Better be envied than pitied.—*French, Italian, Dutch, Greek.*

Better the envy of enemies than the pity of friends.—*German.*

Envy always pursues the fortunate and meritorious.—*Arabian.*

Envy assails the noblest as the winds howl round the highest peak.—*Arabian.*

Envy follows good fortune.—*German.*

Envy has made no man rich.—*German.*

Envy is a kind of praise.—*Gay.*

Envy is an awkward homage that inferiority pays to merit.—*La Motte.*

Envy is blind and is only clever in depreciating the virtues of others.—*Livy.*

Envy is its own torture.—*Danish.*

Envy is the sorrow of fools.—*German.*

Envy is the worst disease.—*German.*

Envy makes sorrow.—*German.*

Envy no man.

Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.

He who envies suffers.—*German.*

If you want enemies excel others, if you want friends let others excel you.

Let your conversation be without malice or envy.

Nothing sharpens sight like envy.

The envious man grows lean at the success of his neighbors.—*Horace.*

The fortunate or the brave can afford to laugh at envy.—*Syrus.*

The overenvious are not overwise.—*Massinger.*

The surest proof of being endowed with noble qualities is to be free from envy.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Those that are advanced by degrees are less envied than those that are advanced suddenly.—*Bacon.*

EQUALITY

All men are equal if upright and honest.—*Thos. Jefferson.*

Nature on all like powers has not bestowed.—*Horace.*

No man is more than another unless he does more than another.—*Don Quixote.*

Turn about is fair play.

EQUIVOCATION

Equivocation is first cousin to a lie.

ERRORS

Antiquity cannot privilege an error, nor novelty prejudice a truth.

Every age confutes old errors and begets new.

Find earth where grows no weed and you may find a heart where no error grows.—*Knowles.*

No errors are so dangerous as those of great men.

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

To err is human, to forgive divine.—*Pope, German, Dutch.*

ESTEEM

Ill-grounded passions quickly wear away,
What's built upon esteem can ne'er decay.
—*Walsh.*

ETERNITY

Eternity whose end no eye can reach.—*Milton.*

EVASION

Whipping the devil around the stump.

EVIL

Abstain from all appearance of evil.—*1 Thessalonians* 5 : 22.

An evil lesson is soon learned.

An evil life is a kind of death.—*Ovid.*

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.—*Romans* 12 : 21.

Better suffer a great evil than do a little one.

Depart from evil and do good.—*Psalms* 34 : 14.

Every tree is known by its own fruit.—*Luke* 6 : 44.

Evil communications corrupt good manners.—*1 Corinthians* 15 : 13.

Evil conduct is the root of misery.—*Chinese.*

Evil doing costs more than well doing.—*German.*

Evil they sow and sorrow will they reap for their harvest.—*Southey.*

God will render to every man according to his works.—*Romans* 2 : 6.

Never do evil that good may come of it.—*Italian.*

Of two evils choose the least.

The doing an evil to avoid an evil can not be good.—*Coleridge.*

> The evil that men do lives after them;
> The good is oft interred with their bones.
> —*Shakespeare.*

Who does not punish evil invites it.—*German.*

Who doth no evil is apt to suspect none.

EXAGGERATION

In the report of riches and goodness always bate one half.—*Spanish.*

It is a rule of manners to avoid exaggeration.—*Emerson.*

Report makes the wolf bigger than he is.—*German.*

EXAMPLE

A good example is the best sermon.

Follow the wise few rather than the vulgar many.—*Italian.*

Ill examples are like contagious diseases.

One ill example spoils many good.

Precept begins, example completes.—*French.*

Precepts may lead, but examples draw.

We are best of all led to men's principles by what they do.—*Butler.*

EXCUSES

A bad reaper never gets a good sickle.—*Gaelic.*

Accusing the times is only accusing yourselves.

An unasked excuse infers transgression.—*Italian.*

A poor excuse is better than none.—*Latin.*

Any excuse will serve when one has not a mind to do a thing.—*Italian.*

He that does amiss never lacks excuses.—*Italian.*

He who excuses himself, accuses himself.—*French, Italian, Dutch.*

EXPEDIENT

Many things lawful are not expedient.

EXERCISE

The wise for cure on exercise depend.—*Dryden.*

EXPERIENCE

A bitten child dreads a dog.

A burnt child dreads the fire.

A man cannot leave his wisdom and his experience to his heirs.

An old man's sayings are seldom untrue.

A novice at the first attempt, an adept at the second.—*Chinese.*

A scalded cat dreads cold water.—*French, Portuguese.*

After mischance every one is wise.—*French.*

By falling we learn to go safely.

Could everything be done twice everything would be done better.—*German*

Even an ass will not fall twice in the same quicksand.—*French.*

Even the fool is wise after the event.—*Homer.*

Experience breedeth art, lack of experience chance.—*Ben Jonson.*

Experience is good if not bought too dear.

Experience is the best teacher.

Experience is the blind man's dog.—*Punch.*

Experience is the fool's master, reason the wise man's.—*German.*

Experience is the father of Wisdom, and Memory the mother.

> Experience joined to common sense
> To mortals is a providence.
>
> —*Green.*

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.—*Franklin.*

Experience purchased by suffering teaches wisdom.—*Latin.*

Experience teaches fools and he is a great one that will not learn by it.

Let each day be the scholar of yesterday—*Syrus.*

Of all history the most instructive to a man is his own.

Once bit, twice shy.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.—*Lowell.*

The difference between a wise man and a fool is that the fool's mistakes never teach him anything.

We learn to do by doing.

EXTRAVAGANCE

Buy what thou hast no need of and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessaries.—*Franklin.*

Easy come, easy go.—*French.*

Extravagance is the ruin of many.

Feast to-day makes fast to-morrow.—*Plautus.*

He is a fool who spends more money than his receipts.—*French.*

He'll soon be a beggar that canna say na.—*Scotch.*

He that runs out by extravagance must retrieve by parsimony.

He that spends without regard shall want without pity.

Merry is the feast-making until we come to the reckoning.

Nature requires little—fancy much.—*German.*

No one can have all he desires.—*Seneca.*

Our desires may undo us.

Please the eye and pick the purse.

Shipwrecked in luxury and lost in ease.—*Prior.*

There is nothing agrees worse,
Than a proud mind and a beggar's purse.

To spend much and gain little is the sure road to ruin.—*German.*

Who dainties love shall beggars prove.—*Franklin.*

Who spends before he thrives
Will beg before he dies

Wisdom provides things necessary not superfluous.—*Solon.*

EXTREMES

Avoid extremes and shun the fault of such
Who still are pleased too little or too much.
—*Pope.*

Extreme views are never just.—*Beaconfield.*

He's wisest, it seems,
Who avoids extremes.

It is best to be cautious and to avoid extremes.—*Plutarch.*

Run not from one extreme to another

EYES

An eye finds more truth than two ears.—*German.*

Four eyes see more than two.—*Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, German.*

Her eyes are homes of silent prayer—*Tennyson.*

It is better to trust the eye than the ear.—*German.*

Many see more with one eye than others with two.—*German.*

One bad eye spoils the other.—*German.*

One may have good eyes and see nothing.—*Italian.*

The eye believes itself, the ear other people.—*German.*

The eye is blind if the mind is absent.—*Italian.*

The eye is never satisfied with seeing.—*German.*

The eye is the pearl of the face.

FACES

Fair faces need no paint.

He had a face like a benediction.—*Don Quixote.*

FACTS

A single fact is worth a ship-load of argument.

Facts are stubborn things.—*Smollett.*

FAILURES

A stumble may prevent a fall.

Goes up like a rocket, comes down like a stick.

He that never fails never grows rich.—*Italian.*

He who falls to-day may rise to-morrow.—*Don Quixote.*

Our greatest glory is not in never failing,
But in rising every time we fail.

FAITH

Belief is the rudder by which life's ship is steered.

Faith bridges chasms with a rainbow.

Faith flourishes in solitude.—*Beaconsfield.*

Faith never stands around with its hands in its pockets.

He who sows his land trusts in God.

Meek faith converts the couch of pain into a bed of roses,
For there we moral vigor gain to bear what God disposes.
—*Pennia Moïses.*

Much knowledge of things divine escapes us through want of faith.—*Heraclitus.*

The man who believes
Is the man who achieves.

We walk by faith, not by sight.—*2 Corinthians* 5:7.

Who doesn't keep faith in God, won't keep it with man.—*Dutch.*

FAME

A great man's foolish sayings pass for wise ones.

All fame is dangerous, good bringeth envy, bad, shame.

And what is fame? The meanest have their day,
The greatest can but blaze and pass away.
—*Pope.*

If you would earn (or deserve) fame, let not the sun shine on you (or find you) in bed.—*Spanish.*

The love of fame usually spurs the mind.—*Ovid.*

The way to fame is like the way to heaven, through much tribulation.—*Sterne.*

Various are the roads to fame.—*Italian.*

FAMILIARITY

A thing too much seen is little prized.—*French.*

Too much familiarity breeds contempt.

FAMILY

Where can one be happier than in the bosom of his family.

FANATICISM

Fanaticism obliterates the feelings of humanity.—*Gibbon.*

FARMS

A field requires three things: fair weather, good seed, and a good husbandman.

'Tis the farmer's care that makes the field bear.

FASHIONS

Choose what is most fit, custom will make it the most agreeable.

Fashion, a word which fools use,
Their knavery and folly to excuse.
—*Churchill.*

Fashion wears out more apparel than the man.—*Shakespeare.*

Fond pride of dress is sure a very curse,
Ere fancy you consult, consult your purse.
—*Franklin.*

Fools invent fashions and wise men follow them.—*French.*

Foppish dressing tells the world the outside is the best of the. puppet.

Whatever is common is despised.—*Dr. Johnson.*

FASTIDIOUSNESS

The too fastidious are unfortunate; nothing satisfies them.—*La Fontaine.*

FASTING

The belly that's full may well fast.

FATE

Heaven from all creatures hides the book of fate.—*Pope.*

It needs a light spirit to bear a heavy fate.—*Danish.*

We make our fortunes and we call them fate.—*Beaconsfield.*

FATHERS

A father lives after death in his son.—*Sanscrit.*

A father loves his children in hating their faults.—*French.*

A father maintains ten children better than ten children one father. —*German.*

An ill father desireth not an ill son.

As the field, so the crops; as the father, so the sons.—*German.*

The father in praising his son extols himself.—*Chinese.*

The father's virtue is the child's best inheritance.

FATNESS

A good head is rarely set on a fat belly.—*German.*

A soul in a fat body lieth soft and is loth to rise.

FAULTS

A fault confessed
Is half redressed.
—*French.*

A man should pardon everybody's fault rather than his own.—*Cato.*

Bad men excuse their faults; good men leave them.—*Ben Jonson.*

By others' faults wise men correct their own.

Don't find fault with what you don't understand.—*French.*

Every man hath his faults.—*Latin.*

Every one's faults are not written on their foreheads.

If nobody takes notice of our faults we easily forget them ourselves.

If the best man's faults were written on his forehead, he would wear his hat down over his eyes.—*Gaelic.*

If wise men did not err fools would despair.—*Goethe.*

In every fault there is folly.

No one sees his own faults.—*German.*

One fault will not justify another.

One man's fault is another man's lesson.

The brightest of all things, the sun, has its spots.

The first faults are theirs that commit them; the second, theirs that permit them.

The greatest of faults . . . is to be conscious of none.—*Carlyle.*

The way to avoid great faults is to beware of small ones.

What we cannot help is our misfortune, not our fault.

FAULTFINDING

An evil eye can see no good.—*Danish.*

Be not busy in detecting other men's faults.—*Cingalese.*

Every fool can find faults that wise men cannot remedy.

Faults are thick where love is thin.

Forget others' faults by remembering your own.

He has but sorry food that feeds upon the faults of others.

He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone.—*John* 8:7.

He that scoffs at the crooked had need go very straight himself.

He who is busy criticising the faults of his friends has no friendship in his heart.—*Cingalese.*

Nothing is easier than faultfinding.—*Robert West.*

The most faulty are most prone to find fault.

They who seek only for faults, see nothing else.

FAVORS

A favor becomes doubly valuable when granted with courtesy.

He who asks fewest favors is the best received.—*Spanish.*

Never ask a favor of a man until he has had his dinner.—*Punch.*

The favor of great men and the praise of the world are not much to be relied on.

We should never remember the benefits conferred nor forget the favors received.—*Chilo.*

FEAR

All but fools know fear sometimes.—*Heine.*

Early and provident fear is the mother of safety.—*Burke.*

Fear is a great inventor.—*French.*

Fear is a tyrant that frightens both child and man.—*German.*

Fear is often greater than the danger.—*German.*

Fear is one part of prudence.

Fear is the mother of safety.—*Sir H. Taylor.*

Fear is the parent of cruelty.—*Froude*

Foolish fears double danger.

He that fears danger in time seldom feels it.

He that fears not the future may enjoy the present.

He that fears you present, will hate you absent.

He that has been hurt fears.

He who fears to suffer, suffers from fear.—*French.*

It needs a high wall to keep out fear.—*Danish.*

No greater hell than to be a slave to fear.—*Ben Jonson.*

Of all the bad passions fear is most accursed.—*Shakespeare.*

Our fears are always more numerous than our dangers.—*Seneca.*

The fear of ill exceeds the ills we fear.

FEBRUARY

All the months in the year curse a fair Februeer.

When it rains in February it will be temperate all the year.—*Spanish.*

FEELINGS

It is with feelings as with waters:
The shallow murmur, but the deep are dumb.
—*Raleigh.*

FELLOW-FEELING

A fellow-feeling makes us wondrous kind.—*Garrick.*

FELLOW-MORTALS

However wretched a fellow-mortal may be, he is still a member of the common species.—*Seneca.*

FEMALES

Females confer on life its finest felicities.—*B. Rawle.*

FIDELITY

Fidelity bought with money is overcome with money.—*Seneca.*

FIGHTING

Be first at a feast and last at a fight.—*Tamil.*

He that fights and runs away,
May live to fight another day.
—*Butler.*

FINDING

He that finds a thing steals it if he endeavors not to restore it.

Hiders are good finders.

FIRE

Far water does not put out near fire.—*Italian.*

Fire and water are good servants but bad masters.

It never smokes but there is a fire.

It won't do to trifle with fire.—*French.*

Kindle not a fire you cannot extinguish.

More fuel, more fire.—*Chinese.*

Two dry sticks will kindle a green one.

FISHING

A little bait catches a large fish.—*Greek.*

Always keep your hook in the water; where you least expect one the fish will be found.—*Ovid.*

An angler eats more than he gets.

Angling is somewhat like poetry, men must be born so.—*Izaak Walton.*

Every fish that escapes, appears greater than it is.—*Turkish.*

He is a poor fisherman that will not wet his feet.—*German.*

In still water are the largest fish. *Danish.*

In the deepest water is the best fishing.

It is a silly fish that is caught twice by the same bait.

It is no use fishing until you have baited your hook.

That fish will soon be caught that nibbles at every bait.

The best fish swim near the bottom.

The hasty angler loses the fish.

FLATTERY

A bird may be caught with a snare that will not be shot.—*Danish.*

A drop of honey catches more flies than a hogshead of vinegar.—*German.*

A flatterer, a hypocrite.—*German.*

A flatterer is a secret enemy.—*Hungarian.*

A flattering mouth worketh ruin.—*Proverbs* 26:28.

A honey tongue, a heart of gall.—*Portuguese.*

A man that flattereth his neighbor spreadeth a net for his feet.—*Proverbs* 29:5.

An old bird is not caught with chaff.

As a wolf is like a dog, so is a flatterer like a friend.

Avoid flatterers, for they are thieves in disguise.—*Wm. Penn.*

Be no flatterer.—*George Washington.*

Beware of the flatterer.

Dread to flatter as to die.—*Homer.*

Fair words please the fool and sometimes the wise.—*Danish.*

Flattery brings friends but the truth begets enmity.

Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver.—*Burke.*

Flattery injures those whom it pleases.

Flattery is counterfeit money to which our vanity gives circulation.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Flattery is sweet food to those who can swallow it.—*Danish.*

Flattery is the bridle and saddle with which you may drive the vain man.

Flattery is the prolific parent of falsehood.—*Gibbon.*

Flattery sits in the parlor while plain dealing is kicked out of doors.

He that rewards flattery begs it.

He will spatter who will flatter.

If we did not flatter ourselves no one else could flatter us.—*German.*

Just praise is only a debt, but flattery is a present.—*Dr. Johnson.*

Plaster thick,
Some will stick.

Scratch people where they itch.—*French.*

There is no such flatterer as a man's self.

'Tis an old maxim in the schools,
That flattery is the food of fools.—*Swift.*

Treachery lurks in honeyed words.

Under fair words beware of fraud.—*Portuguese.*

FLIRTING

A flirt changes her opinion every day, excepting the good opinion she has of herself.—*Punch.*

Such envious things the women are,
That fellow flirts they cannot bear.

FLOWERS

As welcome as flowers in May.

Every flower has its perfume.—*Turkish.*

Flowers are the poetry of earth, as stars are the poetry of heaven.

Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.
—*Gray.*

It is a bad soil where no flowers will grow.

FOLLY

A man's folly is his worst foe and his discretion his best friend.

Folly and learning oft dwell together.

Folly is the most incurable of maladies.—*Spanish.*

Folly is the poverty of the mind.

Folly is the product of all countries and all ages.

If we will have the kindness of others we must endure their follies.—*Dr. Johnson.*

The first degree of folly is to think one's self wise, the next to tell others so, the third to despise all counsel.

The follies of youth are food for repentance in old age.

FOOLS

All asses do not go on four feet.—*German.*

All asses have not long ears.—*German.*

All men are fools and differ only in degree.—*French.*

Asses must not be tied up with horses.—*French.*

As the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool. —*Ecclesiastes* 7:6.

A wise man will not reprove a fool.—*Chinese.*

Bray a fool in a mortar, he'll be never the wiser.

Everybody must wear out one pair of fool's shoes if he wear no more.—*German.*

Fools, like the poor, we have always with us.

Fools live but do not learn.

Fools' names as well as faces
Are often seen in public places.

God alone understands fools.—*French.*

He who would make a fool of himself will find many to help him. —*Danish.*

If every fool wore a crown, we should all be kings.—*Welsh.*

If folly were a pain, there would be groaning in every house.—*Spanish.*

Learned fools are the greatest of all fools.—*German.*

No fool like an old fool.

None but a fool is always right.

No one is a fool always, every one sometimes.

Run! run—every one! the fool-killer's coming!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.—*Proverbs* 1:7.

The race of fools is not to be counted.—*Plato.*

There are bearded fools.

There is no art can make a fool wise.

The wise man knows he knows nothing, but the fool thinks he knows it all.—*Italian.*

The wise seek wisdom, the fool has found it.—*German.*

Unless a fool knows Latin he is never a great fool.—*Spanish.*

Who is born a fool is never cured.—*Italian.*

Wise lads and old fools were never good for anything.—*Italian.*

Wise men change their minds, fools never.

With fools it is always holiday.—*Latin.*

FORCE

Force is no argument.—*Bright.*

Force without forecast is little avail.

What force cannot, ingenuity may.—*Spanish.*

Who overcomes by force overcomes but half his foe.—*Milton.*

You may force a man to shut his eyes, but you cannot make him sleep.—*Danish.*

FORESIGHT

Beware of "had I but known."

Could a man foresee events he would never be poor.—*French.*

Forecast is better than hard work.

"Had-I-known" is a poor man.

He who could see only three days into futurity might enrich himself forever.—*Chinese.*

He who does not look before him must take misfortunes for his earnings.—*Danish.*

He who looks not before finds himself behind.—*French.*

In life, as in chess, forethought wins.—*Buxton.*

Lock the stable door before the steed is stolen.

FORGIVING

Be quick to forgive and slow to anger.

Forgive and forget.—*German.*

Goodness still delighteth to forgive.—*Burns.*

He that forgives gains the victory.—*Yoruba.*

I am loath to think the man is living
That feels not better for forgiving.

Reopen not a wound once healed.—*Latin.*

The brave only know how to forgive.—*Sterne.*

FORTITUDE

Fortitude is a great help in distress.—*Plautus.*

Fortitude is the mean between fear and rashness.

True fortitude is seen in great exploits
That justice warrants, and that wisdom guides.—*Addison.*

FORTUNE

All bad fortune is to be conquered by endurance.—*Virgil.*

Be not arrogant when fortune smiles, nor dejected when she frowns.—*Ausonius.*

Every man is the architect of his own fortune.—*German, Danish.*

Every one is dissatisfied with his own fortune.—*Cicero.*

Everything may be borne except good fortune.—*Italian.*

Fortune always leaves some door open in disasters whereby to come at a remedy.—*Don Quixote.*

Fortune and misfortune are two buckets in a well.—*German.*

Fortune can take away riches but not courage.—*Seneca.*

Fortune comes to her who seeks her.—*Italian.*

Fortune does not stand waiting at any one's door.—*Dutch.*

Fortune favors the brave.—*Latin.*

Fortune gives many too much, but no one enough.—*Laberias.*

Fortune has no power over discretion.—*Solon.*

Fortune helps those that help themselves.

Fortune knocks once at least at every man's door.

Fortune makes a fool of him she too much favors.—*Latin.*

Fortune often knocks at the door, but the fool does not invite her in.—*Danish.*

Fortune smiles upon the brave and frowns upon the coward.—*Latin.*

Fortune sometimes favors those she afterwards destroys.—*Italian.*

Good fortune ever fights on the side of prudence.—*Greek.*

Good fortune gives courage.—*Hans Andersen.*

If you are too unfortunate nobody will know you.

Low fortunes only break low minds.—*Massinger.*

One foolish act may undo a man and a timely one make his fortune.—*Gaelic.*

When fortune knocks, open the door.—*Italian, German.*

When fortune smiles, take advantage.

Whom fortune favors the world favors.—*German.*

Wind and fortune are not lasting.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

FOUNDATIONS

A weak foundation destroys the work.

No good building without a good foundation.

FOXES

The fox does not prey near his hole.—*German.*

When a fox is in his hole smoke fetches him out.—*Spanish.*

FRANKNESS

There is no wisdom like frankness.—*Beaconsfield.*

FREEDOM

Better a bean and freedom, than comfits and slavery.—*German.*

Freedom has a thousand charms to show,
That slaves howe'er contented never know.
—*Cowper.*

In a free country there is much complaint with little suffering: in a despotism much suffering but little complaint.—*Giles' Proverbs.*

The good man alone is free and all bad men are slaves.—*Maxim of the Stoics.*

The most magnificent palace would appear to him a prison who was confined to it.—*Turkish Spy.*

To speak his thoughts is every freeman's right.—*Homer.*

We must be free or die, who speak the tongue that Shakespeare writ.—*Wordsworth.*

FRIENDS

Admonish your friends in private, praise them in public.—*Syrus.*

A fair weather friend changes with the wind.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

A false friend and a shadow attend only when the sun shines.—*Franklin.*

A friend in need
Is a friend indeed.

A friend is best found in adversity.

A friend is the first one to come in when all the world goes out.

A friend loveth at all times.—*Proverbs* 17:17.

A good friend is better than silver and gold.—*Dutch.*

A man's best friends are his ten fingers.

A man that hath friends must show himself friendly.—*Proverbs* 18:24.

An open foe may prove a curse,
But a pretended friend is worse.
—*Gay.*

A true friend is forever a friend.—*Geo. MacDonald.*

A true friend is known in the day of adversity.—*Turkish.*

Be friendly and you will never want friends.

Better an open enemy than a false friend.—*Danish.*

Beware of a reconciled friend.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend.—*Proverbs 27:6.*

Fall sick and you will see who is your friend and who is not.—*Spanish.*

Familiar paths and old friends are the best.—*German.*

Fortune makes friends, misfortune tries them.

Friends in distress make trouble less.—*French.*

He is a fair weather friend.

He who has riches has friends.—*Hitopadesa.*

In time of prosperity friends will be plenty,
In time of adversity not one amongst twenty.

It is important but not easy to distinguish a true friend from an agreeable enemy.—*Petrarch.*

It is more disgraceful to suspect our friends than to be deceived by them.—*French.*

My friend is he who helps me in time of need.—*German.*

No man can be happy without a friend, nor be sure of his friend till he is unhappy.

Not all are friends who smile on you.

On the choice of friends
Our good or evil name depends.
—*Gay.*

Our best friends are they who tell us our faults and help us to mend them.

So live with thy friend that if he become thine enemy he can do thee no harm.—*Tully.*

So long as fortune sits at the table friends sit there.—*German.*

The only way to have a friend is to be one.—*Emerson.*

There is no living without friends.—*Portuguese.*

They are rich who have friends.—*Spanish, Portuguese, Latin.*

To lose a friend is the greatest of all losses.—*Syrus.*

To preserve a friend three things are required: to honor him present, praise him absent, and assist him in his necessities.—*Italian.*

Without a friend the world is a wilderness.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is love with understanding.—*German.*

Friendship is the perfection of love.

Friendship, the older it grows the stronger it is.

Friendship multiplies joys and divides griefs.

Friendship—one soul in two bodies.—*Pythagoras.*

The friendships of the world are wind.—*Beaconsfield.*

True friendship is a plant of slow growth.—*Washington.*

FRUIT

Blossoms are not fruits.—*Dutch.*

Fruit and grain are half a year in concocting.—*Bacon.*

Fruit ripens not in the shade.

Late fruit keeps well.—*German.*

Little wood, much fruit.—*Dutch.*

No autumn fruit without spring blossom.

The boughs that bear most hang lowest.

The ripest fruit first falls.—*Shakespeare.*

When all fruit fails welcome haws.

GAMBLING

A pack of cards is the devil's prayer-book.—*German.*

Easy won is easy lost.—*German.*

Gaming is the son of Avarice and the father of Despair.—*French.*

He who hopes to win what belongs to another deserves to lose his own.—*Richardson.*

One rarely finds a rich gambler.—*German.*

The best throw of the dice is to throw them away.

The devil is in the dice.

The more skilful the gambler the worse the man.—*Syrus.*

There is no gaming in which the devil has not a share.—*German.*

When two play, one must lose.—*German.*

Win at first and lose at last.

Young gambler—old beggar.—*German.*

GARDENING

This rule in gardening never forget: To sow dry and set wet.

GARLIC

Garlic will not lose its smell tho' it is enveloped in perfume.—*Cingalese.*

GENIUS

Fortune has rarely condescended to be the companion of genius.—*Isaac Disraeli.*

Genius can never despise labor.—*Abel Stevens.*

Genius cannot be transmitted by last will and testament.

It is the property of true genius to disturb all settled ideas.—*Goethe.*

Seven wealthy towns contend for Homer dead,
Through which Homer living begged his bread.

The dunces of all countries propagate the maxim that a man of genius is unfit for business.—*Pope.*

The greater the genius, the higher the aim; the higher the aim, the greater risk of failure.

But genius must be born and never can be taught.—*Dryden.*

Without genius learning soars in vain,
Without learning genius sinks again.
—*Horace.*

GENTLEMEN

A gentleman should be honest in his actions and refined in his language.—*Spectator.*

It always pays to be a gentleman.

Manners and money make a gentleman.

GENTLENESS

A gentle spirit makes a gentleman.

Brave hearts are tender hearts.

Gentleness does more than violence.—*French.*

Gently but firmly.—*Latin.*

GIVING

A gift in the hand is better than two promises.—*La Fontaine.*

A gift doth blind the eyes.—*Deuteronomy* 16: 19.

Alms are the salt of riches.—*Hebrew.*

Almsgiving never made a man poor, nor robbery rich, nor prosperity wise.

A man's gift makes room for him.—*Proverbs* 18:16.

Be just before you are generous.

Beware of him who makes you presents.—*Italian.*

Blessed is he that considereth the poor.—*Psalm* 41:1.

Fair words won't feed a cat.

For love the smallest gift commends.—*Theocritus.*

Give a helping hand to a man in trouble.—*Latin.*

Give not thy alms to the poor with grudging.—*Phyoclides,* 540 *years before Christ.*

Give not your alms to a sound-limbed beggar.—*Greek.*

Giving alms never lessens the purse.—*Spanish.*

Giving much to the poor doth increase a man's store.

God loveth a cheerful giver.—*2 Corinthians* 9:7.

He doubles his gifts who gives in time.

He gives double who gives unasked.—*Arabian.*

He giveth twice who giveth in a trice.

He that bringeth a present finds the door open.

He that gives his heart will not deny his money.

He that gives to be seen will relieve none in the dark.

He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house, but he that hateth gifts shall live.—*Proverbs* 15:27.

He who giveth expecteth something in return.—*Chinese.*

He who gives alms makes good use of his money.

He who gives alms should do it with discretion.—*Cingalese.*

If you oblige those who can never pay you, you make Providence your debtor.

Injurious is the gift that takes away freedom.—*Italian.*

It is more blessed to give than to receive.—*Acts* 20:35.

Many give with their mouths, and not with their hands.—*German.*

No one cuts the hand that gives.—*Turkish.*

No one so liberal as he who has nothing to give.—*French.*

Old thanks are not for new gifts.—*Italian.*

One "Take this," is better than ten "God bless yous."—*German.*

People give to the rich and take from the poor.—*German.*

Presents keep friendship warm.—*German.*

Rich gifts wax poor, when givers prove unkind.—*Shakespeare.*

Small favors conciliate, but great gifts make enemies.—*Latin.*

Take gifts with a sigh; most men give to be paid.—*John Boyle O'Reilly.*

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them.—*Matthew* 6:1.

The benefactor engraves his name in the hand that receives the benefit.

The generous man enriches himself by giving, the miser hoards himself poor.—*Dutch, Danish.*

The giver makes the gift precious.—*Latin.*

The hand that gives, gathers.

Whatever is given to the poor is laid up in Heaven.

What is bought is cheaper than a gift.

What's of no use is too dear as a gift.—*German.*

What we gave we have; what we spent we had; what we left we lost.—*Epitaph of the Earl of Devon.*

Who accepts nothing has nothing to return.—*German.*

Who accepts from another sells his freedom.—*German.*

Whoever makes great presents expects great presents in return.—*Martial.*

GLORY

The desire of glory is the torch of the mind.

GLOVES

A clean glove often hides a dirty hand.

GOD

All things proclaim the existence of a God.—*Napoleon.*

Better God than gold.

Better rich in God than rich in gold.

Care only for the things of God.—*Thomas à Kempis.*

Father and mother are kind, but God is kinder.—*Danish.*

Fear God and keep his commandments.—*Ecclesiastes* 12:13.

God delays but does not forget.—*Greek.*

God does not pay weekly, but he pays at the end.—*Dutch.*

God extends from eternity to eternity.—*Aristotle.*

God has many names though he is only one being.—*Aristotle.*

God helping, nothing need be feared.

God is patient because eternal.—*St. Augustine.*

God permits nothing to happen which is not the best for us.—*Hans Andersen.*

He that doeth the will of God abideth forever.—*1 John* 2:17.

He who fears God fears but him.

He who fears God is the true wise man.

If God be with us everything that is impossible becomes possible.

If God be with us who shall stand against us.—*Latin.*

Most men forget God all day, and ask Him to remember them at night.

No man can serve two masters.—*Matthew* 6:24.

One on God's side is a majority.—*W. Phillips.*

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.—*Ecclesiastes* 12:1.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.—*Proverbs* 15:3.

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.—*Psalms* 14:1.

'Tis only God may be had for the asking.—*Lowell.*

Unless God be with us all labor is in vain.—*Latin.*

Who hath God hath all, who hath Him not hath less than nothing.

Whom God will help none can hinder.

With God all things are possible.—*Matthew* 19:26.

Ye cannot serve God and mammon.—*Luke* 16:13.

GOODNESS

A good deed is never lost.

Be good and refrain not to do good.

> Be good, dear child, and let who will be clever;
> Do noble deeds, not dream them, all day long,
> And so make life, death, and that vast forever
> One grand sweet song.
>
> —*Chas. Kingsley.*

Be not weary in well doing.—*2 Thessalonians* 3:13.

Do good and care not to whom.—*Italian, Portuguese.*

Do good if you expect to receive it.

Doing good to fellow-man is serving God.

Doing good to serve one's ends
Is serving God for dividends.

Do thy little, do it well;
Do what right and reason tell.

Do what conscience says is right;
Do what reason says is best;
Do with all your mind and might;
Do your duty and be blest.

Every good deed has its recompense.—*Confucius.*

God expects you to do your best.

Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.—*Chalmers.*

Good men are a public good.

He that does what he can does what he ought.

He that from fear doeth good, would do ill if he durst.

Howe'er it be, it seems to me,
'Tis only noble to be good.
—*Tennyson.*

If we would do good, we must be good.

It is well to be wise and great;
'Tis better to be good.

Learn the luxury of doing good.

Nothing can make a man truly great but being truly good.—*M. Henry.*

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.—*1 Thessalonians* 5:21.

Sow good works and thou shalt reap gladness.

The good fear no law; it is his safety and the bad man's awe.—*Massinger.*

The good man alone is free and all bad men are slaves.—*Maxim of the Stoics.*

The good man will avoid the spot of any sin.—*Ben Jonson.*

The good you do is not lost, though you forget it.

True worth is in being not seeming,
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good, not in dreaming
Of some great things to be done by and by.

We should try to do some good every day.

Who does the best his circumstances allow,
Does well, acts nobly; angels could no more.
—*Young.*

GOSSIPING

A gossip speaks ill of all and all of her.

Gossips and tale-bearers set on fire all the houses they enter.

Old lady Backbite is the devil's aunt.

People will talk and dogs will bark at the moon.

"They say" is a tough old liar.

GOVERNMENT

A hated government does not last long.—*Seneca.*

Any government is preferable to an anarchy.—*Cato the Younger.*

For forms of government let fools contest;
Whate'er is best administered, is best.
—*Pope.*

I think the first need of good government is the right men to administer it.—*E. J. Phelps.*

Liberty with laws and government without oppression.

No government is safe unless it be fortified by good will.—*Nepos*

Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's.—*Matthew* 22:21.

Rewards and punishments are the basis of a good government.

Such is the government, such is the people.—*Italian.*

Temperate climates run into moderate governments.—*Swift.*

That is the best government in which an injury to one is the concern of all.—*Solon.*

The best government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves. —*Goethe.*

The end of all good government is the happiness of the people.—*Abraham Lincoln.*

The end of government is the happiness of the people.—*Macaulay.*

The Republican form of government is the highest form of government.

GRAFTING

'Tis good grafting on a good stock.

GRANDMOTHERS

The Grandmother's correction makes no impression.

GRAPES

The sweetest grapes hang highest.—*German.*

GRASS

Where every one goes the grass never grows.—*German.*

GRATITUDE

Cast no dirt in the well that gives you water.

Excessive gratitude for a favor is too often used as a handle to a begging box for a second.—*Punch.*

Gratefulness is the poor man's payment.

Gratitude is a keen sense of favors to come.—*Talleyrand.*

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.—*Hosea Ballou.*

Gratitude is the least of virtues; but ingratitude, the worst of vices.

Thanks is the poor man's money.

GREATNESS

A great man scorns to trample on a worm or to cringe to an emperor.—*Collier.*

He who climbs too high may have a fall;
But better a fall than not climb at all.

High places have their precipices.

High regions are never without storms.

In admiring greatness we rise to its level.

It is more noble to make yourself great than to be born so.

It takes greatness to discern greatness.

None think the great unhappy but the great.—*Young.*

No really great man ever thought himself so.—*Hazlitt.*

The greatest men are the simplest.

The real leaders do not always march at the head of the procession.

There are many echoes in the world, but few voices.

GREED

A covetous man makes no friend.—*Cingalese.*

A greedy man God hates.

Avarice blinds our eyes.

Avarice disposes men to fraud.

Avarice increases with wealth.—*Italian.*

Avarice is both knave and fool.—*Gréville.*

Avarice is insatiable, and is always pushing for more.—*L'Estrange.*

Avarice is never satisfied.

Avarice is the basest and most selfish of human passions.

Avarice is the parent of all wickedness.—*Claudianus.*

Avarice is the parent of evil deeds, but frugality is the sure guardian of our virtues.—*Ancient Brahmin.*

Better to live rich than to die rich.—*Johnson.*

Covet nothing overmuch.—*Chilo.*

Covetous men live drudges to die wretches.

Covetousness is harder to cure than a cancer.

Fools live poor to die rich.

No vice like avarice.

The wretch who avarice bids to pinch and spare,
Starves, steals, pilfers to enrich an heir.
—*Franklin.*

Who hath and buries,
Increaseth worries;
Who hath and spends,
Enjoyment lends.

Who hoards up his gold and hides it in corners,
Lives without friends and dies without mourners.

GRIEF

Great griefs are mute.—*Italian.*

He oft finds medicine who his grief imparts,
But double griefs afflict concealing hearts.
—*Spenser.*

The only cure for grief is action.—*Gov. Henry Lewes.*

Those who have known grief seldom seem sad.—*Beaconsfield.*

Time and thinking tame the strongest grief.

GRUMBLING

Everybody hates a man with a grievance.—*Talleyrand.*

Pigs grunt about everything and nothing.

The only lot most men don't grumble at is their burial lot.

GUESTS

A constant guest is never welcome.

A house filled with guests is soon eaten up.—*Spanish.*

Fish and guests smell at three days old.—*Danish.*

He that comes unbidden goes unthanked.—*Dutch.*

The first day a man is a guest,
The second a burden, the third a pest.
—*Laboulaye.*

The unbidden guest
Is ever a pest.
—*German.*

GUILT

Alas, how difficult it is to prevent the countenance betraying our guilt.—*Ovid.*

A man will likely wince
When the shoe begins to pinch.

He who accuses too many accuses himself.

He who is guilty believes all men speak ill of him.—*Italian.*

The guilty mind needs no accuser.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth.—*Proverbs* 28: 1.

HABIT

Habit in sinning takes away the sense of sin.—*Latin.*

Habit is second nature.

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees,
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.
—*Dryden.*

It is a thousand times easier to contract a new habit than to get rid of an old one.

It is easier to prevent ill habits than to break them.—*Motto on Plato's ring.*

HAIR

A curly head, a hasty temper.

Gray hairs are death's blossoms.

Long hair—little brain.—*Turkish.*

No doors are shut against honest gray hairs.

HAPPINESS

All happiness is in the mind.

A man of gladness seldom falls into madness.

Be always merry as ever you can,
For no one delights in a sorrowful man.

Be good, do good, and you will be happy.

Happiness flies court for garret.

Happiness invites envy.—*Latin.*

If happiness have not her seat
And center in the breast,
We may be wise, or rich, or great,
But never can be blest.
—*Burns.*

If you can be well without health you may be happy without virtue.

If you would be happy and content, never borrow trouble or lend money.

Industry, honesty, and temperance are essential to happiness.

Neither gold nor grandeur can render us happy.—*La Fontaine.*

No happiness without holiness.

The gown is hers who wears it,
And the world is his who enjoys it.

'Tis not what we have but what we enjoy that makes us happy.

True happiness is found in making others happy.

True happiness is to no place confined,
But still is found in a contented mind.—*Horace.*

True happiness, if understood,
Consists alone in doing good.
—*Wm. Somerville.*

HASTE

Do nothing hastily but catching of fleas.—*Italian.*

Don't cry herrings till they are in the net.—*Dutch.*

Don't cry hurrah till you're over the bridge.—*German, Dutch.*

Don't sell the bear skin before you have killed the bear.—*Italian, German, Dutch.*

Don't throw away your old shoes till you have got new ones.—*Dutch.*

Even speed when we are anxious seems like delay.—*Syrus.*

He passes sentence before he hears the evidence.

It is not enough to run: one must start in time.—*French.*

Nothing is well ordered that is hasty or precipitate.—*Seneca.*

Of hasty counsel take good heed,
For haste is very rarely speed.
—*Dutch.*

Quick at meat, quick at work.

Rash haste makes waste.

Take time for deliberation; haste spoils everything.—*Statius.*

The hasty man never lacks trouble.

The more haste the less (or worse) speed.—*French, Spanish, German, Dutch.*

Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow.—*Shakespeare.*

We do in haste and repent at leisure.—*German.*

What is done hastily is not done well.—*Chinese.*

What is the best thing to do in a hurry? Nothing.—*Punch.*

What is the use of running when we are not on the right road?—*German.*

Where two fools meet, a bargain is quickly made.

Who hastens in the beginning seldom goes far.—*German.*

You cry out before you are hurt.

HATE

Disdain hatreds.—*Napoleon.*

From envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness, good Lord, deliver us.—*Book of Common Prayer.*

Hate inhabits little souls.

Hate no one; hate their vices not themselves.

Hatred is blind as well as love.

Hatred is self-punishment.—*Hosea Ballou.*

It is human nature to hate him whom you have injured.—*Tacitus.*

Love is heaven; hate is hell.

Small men hate; great men pity.

We always hate those we have wronged.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.—*1 John* 3: 15.

HEADS

An old head on a young pair of shoulders.

It is a fortunate head that never ached.

Many heads, many minds.—*Dutch.*

Two heads are better than one.—*Italian.*

HEALTH

Against diseases known, the strongest fence
Is the defensive virtue, abstinence.
—*Franklin.*

A sound mind in a sound body, grant us, O Lord!

Good health is above wealth.

Head cool, feet warm,
Make the doctor poor.
—*German.*

Health and cheerfulness mutually beget each other.—*Spectator.*

Health and understanding are the two great blessings of life.—*Greek.*

Health is happiness.

Health is the vital principle of bliss.—*Thomson.*

Health consists with temperance alone.—*Pope.*

Health is the most admirable manifestation of right living.—*Humboldt.*

He that sits with his back to a draft,
Sits with his face to a coffin.
—*Spanish.*

He that would be healthy must eat temperately and sup early.—*Spanish.*

He who has good health and owes nothing is both young and rich.—*Danish.*

Ignorance has shortened more lives than the sword.

Neglect of health
Is the doctor's wealth.

Spare diet and no trouble keep a man in good health.

Wealth can buy no health.

HEARING

From hearing comes wisdom, from speaking, repentance.

He that will not hear must feel.

Hear all and say nothing.

Hear both sides.—*Latin.*

Hear, see, and be silent.—*Latin.*

Hear, see and say nothing if you would live in peace.—*French, Italian, Portuguese.*

Hear the other side and believe little.—*Italian.*

Hear a' parties.—*Scotch.*

HEART

A cheerful countenance betokens a good heart.

A glad heart seldom sighs, but a sorrowful mouth often laughs.—*Danish.*

A royal heart is often hidden under a tattered cloak.—*Danish.*

A stout heart tempers adversity.

Cold hand, a warm heart.—*German.*

Every heart hath its own ache.

Hearts may agree though heads differ.

He who hath most heart, knows most of sorrow.—*Bailey.*

HEAVEN

All of heaven and hell is not known till hereafter.

Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery.

Eternal life is worth all conflicts.

Heaven's harmony is universal love.—*Cowper.*

Heaven will make amend for all.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things.—*Revelation* 21:7.

It is no small matter to gain or lose the kingdom of God.—*Thomas à Kempis.*

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.—*Matthew* 6:20.

The love of heaven makes one heavenly.—*Sidney.*

The road to heaven is equally short where'er we die.—*Danish.*

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—*Luke* 12:34.

HEIRS

The absent one will not be the heir.—*Latin.*

HELL

Hell is full of the ungrateful.

The road to hell is paved with good intentions.—*German.*

What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?—*Mark* 8:36.

HEREDITY

A wolf hankers after sheep even at his last gasp.—*Dutch.*

Give an ass oats and he runs after thistles.—*Dutch.*

It never troubles the wolf how many the sheep be.—*Virgil.*

Plant the crab-tree where you will, it will never bear pippins.

That which is taken in with the milk only goes out with the soul. —*Russian.*

The fox grows gray but never good.

The raven doth not hatch a lark.—*Shakespeare.*

The wolf loses his teeth but not his inclination.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

What's bred in the bone will never out of the flesh.

HEROES

From a humble cottage a hero often springs.—*Latin.*

No man is a hero in the eyes of his valet.—*French.*

HESITATION

Hesitation seldom prospers.

HINTS

A word to the wise is sufficient.—*Latin.*

Give a hint to the man of sense and consider the thing done.

If the cap fits you, wear it.

HISTORY

History is philosophy teaching by examples.—*Dionysius of Halicarnassus.*

History repeats itself.

HOBBIES

Every man has his hobby.

HOGS

A pretty pig makes an ugly hog.

The pig prefers mud to clean water.—*Latin.*

When the sow is satisfied she overturns the trough.—*German.*

HOMES

A bird may be ever so small yet it always seeks a nest of its own. —*Danish.*

At evening home is the best place for a man.—*Goethe.*

Dry bread at home is better than roast meat abroad.

God hath often a great share in a little house.

Half a house is half a hell.—*German.*

He that has no rest at home is in the world's hell.—*Turkish.*

Home, dear home, small as thou art, to me thou art a palace.—*Italian.*

Home is what we make it.

Home, the spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest.
—*Montgomery.*

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.
—*John Howard Payne.*

Our domestic affections are the most salutary basis of all good government.—*Beaconsfield.*

The home is the fulcrum on which woman moves the world.—*Warner.*

The nest made, the bird dead.—*Portuguese.*

Travel east or travel west, a man's own home is still the best.—*Dutch.*

HONESTY

An honest man is the noblest work of God.—*Pope.*

An honest man's word is his bond.—*Dutch.*

Clean hands are better than full ones in the sight of God.—*Syrus.*

He is the wise man who is the honest man.

Equity is half religion.—*Turkish.*

Honesty in little things is not a little thing.

Honesty is not only the best policy, but the best principle.—*G. W. Hoss.*

Honesty is the best policy.—*Franklin.*

Honesty maketh rich, but she works slowly.—*German.*

Let honesty and industry be thy constant companions.—*Franklin.*

No honest man ever repented of his honesty.

Nothing is profitable which is dishonest.—*Cicero.*

One honest word is better than two oaths.—*Turkish.*

Only that which is honestly got is gain.

The upright man speaks as he thinks.

We are bound to be honest, but not bound to be rich.

HONOR (FAME)

A man is not known till he cometh to honor.—*Dutch.*

Before honor is humility.—*Proverbs* 15:33.

Honor and ease are seldom bedfellows.

Honor is the reward of virtue.—*Cicero.*

HONOR (UPRIGHTNESS)

A lady's honor will not bear a soil.—*Dryden.*

A man of honor is one who is faithful to his word.—*Turkish.*

Among men of honor a word is a bond.—*Italian.*

Better a little with honor than much with shame.

Refuse to do a mean act, be it ever so small.

Sacrifice money rather than principle.

What is dishonorable is always dangerous.

HOPE

Great hopes make great men.

He feeds himself on false hopes.

He gains much who loses a vain hope.—*Italian.*

He may hope for the best that is prepared for the worst.

He that lives upon hope shall die fasting.—*Franklin.*

He that wants hope is the poorest man alive.

Hope and expectation are a fool's income.—*Danish.*

Hope and hang on when you are wrecked.—*Century Magazine.*

Hope and strive is the way to thrive.

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.—*Proverbs* 13: 12.

Hope for the best.

Hope holds up the head.

Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper.

Hope is as cheap as despair.

Hope is grief's best music.

Hope is our only comfort in adversity.—*Latin.*

Hope is sweeter than possession.—*Bulwer.*

Hope is the best medicine and fortunately it is in the power of every doctor to dispense it.—*Punch.*

Hope is the pillar of the world.—*Woloffs (Africa).*

Hope of all passions most befriends us here.—*Young.*

Hope on, hope ever.

Hopes and fears checker human life.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast,
Man never is, but always to be, blest.—*Pope.*

Hope to the end.—*I Peter* 1: 13.

If it were not for hope, the heart would break.—*Scotch.*

In the greatest ill the good man hath hope left.

It is hope alone makes us willing to live.

No condition so low but may have hopes, none so high but may have fears.

Not to have hope is the poorest of all conditions.

When there is no hope there can be no endeavor.—*Dr. Johnson.*

While there is life there's hope.—*Italian, Portuguese, Latin.*

Who could live without hope?—*French.*

Who loses money, loses much;
Who loses friends, loses more;
Who loses hope, loses all.
—*Spanish.*

HORSES

A horse deprived of his food won't work.—*Latin.*

A man may lead his horse to water, but cannot make him drink.

An hired horse tires never.

A short horse is soon curried.

Care, and not fine stables, makes the good horse.—*Danish.*

Ill matched horses draw badly.—*Dutch.*

It is a good horse that never stumbles.—*French.*

Let a horse drink when he will, not what he will.

Never ride a free horse to death.

HOSPITALITY

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.—*Hebrews* 13:2.

Hospitality I have found as universal as the face of man.—*Ledyard.*

Welcome is the best dish on the table.

HOUSEKEEPING

"Sweetheart" and "honey bird" keeps no house.

The fingers of the housewife do more than a yoke of oxen.—*German.*

The ugliest is the best housewife.—*German.*

HOUSES

A fine cage won't feed the bird.

An empty purse and a new house make a man wise, but too late. —*Portuguese.*

Be sure before you marry,
Of a house wherein to tarry.
—*Italian, Spanish.*

Better one's house be little one day than too big all the year after.

Do not build a great house.—*Cingalese.*

First build your house and then think of your furniture.—*Hebrew.*

He that buildeth on the highway hath many admirers.—*German, Dutch.*

He who builds a house or marries is left with a lank purse.—*Spanish.*

He who builds according to every man's advice will have a crooked house.—*Danish.*

He who builds on the public highway must let the people have their say.—*German.*

Make a model before thou buildest.

The man that builds and wants wherewith to pay,
Provides a house from which to run away.
—*Young.*

HUMILITY

Before honor goeth humility.—*Proverbs* 15:33.

He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—*Luke* 14:11.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.—*James* 4:10.

Humility is the foundation of all virtue.

Humility often gains more than pride.—*Italian.*

Humility, that low sweet root
From which all heavenly virtues shoot.
—*Moore.*

It is hard to be high and humble.

The meekness of Moses is better than the strength of Samson.

There is no true holiness without humility.

HUNGER

A hungry dog and a thirsty horse take no heed of blows.—*Danish.*

A hungry man is an angry man.

A hungry stomach has no ears.—*French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch.*

An empty belly hears nobody.

A man who wants bread is ready for anything.—*French.*

A sharp stomach makes a short devotion.

As hungry as a church mouse.

He thinks of everything who wants bread.

Hunger and cold surrender a man to his enemy.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

Hunger is the best sauce.—*French, Italian, Dutch, Danish.*

Hunger will obey no laws.

Hurrying along on both one's feet,
Is all for clothes and something to eat.
—*Chinese.*

Lips however rosy must be fed.

Longer than a day without bread.—*Italian.*

Never ask a man a favor until he has had his dinner.—*Punch.*

Starving cats make the best mousers.

The belly (hunger) is the bestower of genius.—*Latin.*

The belly teaches all arts.

The replenished understand not the pain of the starving.—*Turkish.*

HUNTING

Every shot does not bring down a bird.—*Dutch.*

Game is cheaper in the market than in the fields and woods.

Talk of sporting but buy game in the market.

HUSBANDS

A husband without ability is like a house without a roof.—*Spanish.*

At home an elephant, abroad a cat.

In the husband, wisdom; in the wife, gentleness.

Observe the face of the wife to know the husband's character.—*Spanish.*

The man has neither sense nor reason that leaves a young wife at home.—*French.*

The more a wife loves her husband the more she corrects his faults.—*Chinese.*

HYPOCRISY

A bad man is worse when he pretends to be a saint.—*Bacon.*

At last the fox turns monk.

Beware of the man of two faces.—*Dutch.*

He is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Hypocrisy is a sort of homage that vice pays to virtue.—*Rochefoucauld.*

Hypocritical piety is double iniquity.

The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.—*Shakespeare.*

The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.—*Psalm* 55:21.

Who devour widows' houses and for a show make long prayers.—*Mark* 12:14.

IDEAS

It is with ideas as with pieces of money, those of the least value generally circulate the most.—*Punch.*

IGNORANCE

Double ignorance is where a man is ignorant of his ignorance.—*Plato.*

Faults of ignorance are excusable only where ignorance itself is so.

Ignorance and prosperity make men bold and confident.

Ignorance is Folly's father and mother.

Ignorance is the mother of impudence.

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise.—*Gray.*

IMITATION

As the old birds sing the young ones twitter.—*German, Danish.*

As the old cock crows, the young cock learns.

Imitation is natural to man from infancy.—*Spenser.*

Imitation is the sincerest flattery.—*Colton.*

IMPOSSIBILITIES

A thing cannot be at the same time both true and false.—*Chinese.*

I cannot run and sit still at the same time.

It is always the impossible that happens.—*French.*

It is useless to expect impossibilities.—*Hans Andersen.*

No one is bound to do impossibilities.—*French, Italian.*

Nothing is impossible to pains and patience.—*Ray.*

One cannot be in two places at once.

You can't have your cake and eat it too.

IMPRUDENCE

He has killed the goose that laid the golden egg.

INCONSISTENCY

Blind guides which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.—*Matthew* 23 : 24.

He robs Peter to pay Paul.

Owls to Athens, coals to Newcastle, enchantments to Egypt, pepper to Hindostan, indulgences to Rome.

To jump out of the frying-pan into the fire.—*French, Spanish.*

Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?—*Matthew* 7 : 3.

Send not for a hatchet with which to break open an egg.

Take not a musket to kill a fly.

To add water to the ocean.—*Latin.*

To burn out a candle in search of a pin.

To carry a lantern in midday.—*French.*

To carry water to the sea or river.—*French, German, Portuguese, Dutch.*

To put the cart before the horse.

To put water into a basket.—*Dutch.*

INDEPENDENCE

To be truly and really independent is to support ourselves by our own exertions.—*Jane Porter.*

INDOLENCE

An idle brain is the devil's workshop.—*German.*

An idle man is the devil's playfellow.—*Arabian.*

By doing nothing we learn to do evil.—*Latin.*

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise.—*Proverbs* 6:6.

He who does nothing but sit and eat will wear away a mountain of wealth.—*Chinese.*

He who follows idleness shall find it the path to distress.—*Cingalese.*

Idleness and lust are sworn friends.—*German.*

Idleness has poverty for wages.—*German.*

Idleness is a living death.—*German.*

Idleness is the mother of want.

Idleness is the rust of the soul.

Idleness is the shipwreck of chastity.—*Latin.*

Idleness leads to vice.

Idleness makes the fullest purse empty.

Idleness must thank itself if it go barefoot.

If the devil catch a fellow idle, he will set him to work.

Indolence—the mother of misery.—*Burton.*

Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do.
—*Watts.*

Standing pools gather filth.

The devil tempts all other men, but the idle man tempts the devil. —*Italian.*

The idle man stands outside of God's plan.—*J. G. Holland.*

The idle soul shall suffer hunger.—*Proverbs* 19:15.

INDUSTRY

All things are easy to industry; all things difficult to sloth.—*Franklin.*

An industrious life is the best security for food in old age.—*Latin.*

A stitch in time saves nine.

Care and diligence bring reward.

Employment brings enjoyment.

Heaven helps those who help themselves.—*Franklin.*

In every rank, great or small,
'Tis industry supports us all.
—*Gray.*

Industry is fortune's right hand and frugality is her left.—*Franklin.*

Industry is the parent of fortune.—*German.*

Industry is the parent of success.

Nothing is impossible to industry.—*Periander of Corinth.*

Scorn to shirk a duty.

When industry goes out of the door, poverty comes in at the window.—*Dutch.*

INFLUENCE

To be led by the nose.—*Dutch.*

INGRATITUDE

Be not ungrateful to your old friend.

Earth produces nothing worse than an ungrateful man.—*Ausonius.*

If you call a man ungrateful you say everything against him.—*Juvenal.*

Ingratitude sickens benevolence.—*German.*

Neither cast ye your pearls before swine.—*Matthew* 7:6.

One ungrateful man does an injury to all who are in distress.—*Syrus.*

INJURIES

An injury may prove a blessing.—*Ovid.*

Every one should make the case of the injured his own.—*Syrus.*

He that defends an injury is next to him that commits it.

Injury is to be measured by malice.

It is a proof of nobility of mind to despise injuries.—*Seneca.*

We are more mindful of injuries than benefits.

Write injuries in dust but kindness in marble.

INNOCENCE

From a pure spring pure water flows.

He's armed without that's innocent within.—*Pope.*

Innocence, like snow, once melted, is gone forever.

The first of all virtues is innocence; modesty the second.—*Greek.*

The innocent are gay.—*Cowper.*

INSANITY

As mad as a March hare.

Every madman thinks all other men mad.—*Syrus.*

Great wit to madness sure is near allied,
A thin partition does their bounds divide.
—*Dryden.*

If madness were pain you would have outcries in every house.

Make way for a madman and a bull.—*Spanish.*

One mad action is not enough to prove a man mad.

Though this be madness yet there's method in it.—*Shakespeare.*

INSOLENCE

Insolence is pride with her mask pulled off.

Insolence puts an end to friendship.

The insolence of the aggressor is usually proportioned to the tameness of the sufferer.—*Ames.*

The insolent are never without wounds.—*Turkish.*

INSTRUCTION

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.—*Proverbs* 4: 13.

INSULTS

A gentleman would not insult me; no other man can.—*Seneca.*

A moral, sensible, well-bred man
Will not insult me; no other can.
—*Cowper.*

He who insults me to my face can yet be an honest man and my friend.—*Chinese.*

He who will avenge every affront means not to live long.

Insult begets insult.—*Greek.*

It is often better not to see an insult than to avenge it.—*Seneca.*

INVITATIONS

Go neither to a wedding nor christening without invitation.—*Spanish.*

Go to your rich friend's house when invited, to your poor friend's without invitation.—*Portuguese.*

Who comes unbidden departs unthanked.—*German.*

IRON

Iron long fired becomes steel.—*Chinese.*

Iron not used soon rusts.—*Portuguese.*

IRRESOLUTION

Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel.—*Genesis* 49 : 4.

JANUARY

A good Janvier freezeth the pot by the fiere.—*Old English.*

When gnats swarm in January the peasant becomes a beggar.—*Dutch.*

JEALOUSY

A hasty man loses the produce of his field and a jealous man his wife.—*Tamil.*

A jealous woman sets a whole house in a flame.—*Latin.*

A lewd bachelor makes a jealous husband.

Jealousy is a common source
Of hapless marriage and divorce.

Jealousy is too apt to build upon unsure foundations.—*Massinger.*

There is more self-love than love in jealousy.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Trifles light as air are to the jealous confirmations strong as proofs of holy writ.—*Shakespeare.*

JESTING

A common jester may have wit but not wisdom.—*Young.*

A jest driven too far brings home hate.

A joker never gains an enemy but often loses a friend.

A joke should not be carried too far.—*Latin.*

A pun
Well done
Is legitimate fun.

Good jests bite like lambs, not like dogs.

He that jokes confesses.—*Italian.*

He that would jest must take a jest,
Else to let it alone were best.
—*Dutch.*

It is not good jesting with God, death or the devil.—*Arabian.*

It requires a surgical operation to get a joke well into a Scotch understanding.—*Sidney Smith.*

Jesters do oft prove prophets.

Jests are seldom good the first time, but the second distasteful.

Many a true word is spoken in jest.—*Italian.*

Of all the griefs that harass the distressed,
Sure the most bitter is a scornful jest.
—*Johnson.*

Rather spoil your joke than lose your friend.—*Scotch.*

Some who jest tell tales of themselves.—*French.*

The worst jests are those that are true.—*French.*

To jest is tolerable, but to do harm by jest is insufferable.

True jests breed bad blood.

True jokes never please.—*French.*

When the jest is at its best, 'twill be well to let it rest.—*German.*

JOY

Joys are not the property of the rich alone.—*Horace.*

Joy which we cannot share with others is only half enjoyed.—*Hans Andersen.*

No joy like Heaven's.

Sudden joy kills sooner than excessive grief.

> The present joys of life we doubly taste,
> By looking back with pleasure on the past.
> —*Martial.*

We should publish our joys and conceal our griefs.

JUDGING

As solemn as a judge.

Every man judges of others by himself.—*Latin.*

Forbear to judge for we are sinners all.—*Shakespeare.*

He that would rightly understand a man must read his whole story.

He who is judge between two friends loses one of them.—*French, German.*

If you would be a good judge hear what every one says.—*Portuguese.*

In giving judgment haste is criminal.—*Syrus.*

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged.—*Luke* 6:37.

Make not thyself judge of any man.—*Longfellow.*

Never judge by appearances.

One man's story is no story; hear both sides.—*German.*

The cold neutrality of an impartial judge.—*Burke.*

JUNE

A dripping June brings all things in tune.
Calm weather in June sets corn in tune.

JUSTICE

Give even the devil his due.

He that spares the wicked injures the good.—*Syrus.*

It is folly to expect justice from the unprincipled.

Justice consists in doing no injury to men; decency in giving them no offence.

Justice is the rightful sovereign of the world.—*Pindar.*

Justice tempered with too much mercy becomes injustice.

Let justice be done though the heavens fall.—*Latin.*

The judge is condemned when the guilty is acquitted.—*Syrus.*

The just man will flourish in spite of envy.—*Latin.*

The memory of the just is blessed.—*Proverbs* 10:7.

What is just and right is the law of laws.

When anger in the bosom lies,
Justice out the window flies.

Who spares vice wrongs virtue.—*Syrus.*

KINDNESS

A good word for a bad one is worth much and costs little.—*Italian.*

A kind face is a beautiful face.

A kindness is never lost.

A kind word is never thrown away.

An unkind word falls easily from the tongue, but a coach with six horses cannot bring it back.—*Chinese.*

A small unkindness is a great offense.—*Hannah More.*

Be kind and affectionate one to another.

Better a good word than a battle.

Cross words are like ugly weeds;
  Pleasant words are like fair flowers;
Let us sow sweet thoughts for seeds,
  In these garden hearts of ours.
—*Cary.*

Do violence to no man, neither exact anything wrongfully.—*Luke* 3:14.

Heaven—where no unkind word is spoken.

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits.
—*Alice Cary.*

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.—*Goethe.*

Kindness is the sunshine of social life.

Kindness like grain increases by sowing.

Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with.

Kindness, nobler ever than revenge.—*Shakespeare.*

Kindness wins friends.

Kind words are the music of the world.

Kind words bring back kind echoes.

Kind words can never die.

Kind words cost no more than unkind ones.

Kind words cost nothing but are worth much.

Kind words heal friendship's wounds.—*Danish.*

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden
Like the heaven above.
—*F. S. Osgood.*

More flies are caught with a spoonful of syrup (or drop of honey) than with a cask of vinegar.—*Dutch, Danish.*

Never forget a kindness.

No cut like unkindness.

No kindly heart unkindly deeds will do.—*Omar Khayyám.*

Pleasant words are valued and do not cost much.—*Italian.*

There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so noble as truth.
—*Alice Cary.*

To pity distress is human; to relieve it is godlike.—*Horace Mann.*

We have careful thoughts for the stranger,
Kind words for the sometimes guest;
But for our own is the bitter tone,
Though we love our own the best.
—*Margaret E. Sangster.*

Who speaketh kind words hath many friends, but the harsh man hath but few.—*Burmese.*

KINGS

A crown is no cure for the headache.—*Italian, German, Dutch.*

Accurst the king that casts his purple o'er his vices.—*Bulwer.*

An illiterate king is a crowned ass.

As the king, so are his people.—*Spanish.*

The king's friend is he who tells him the truth.

The subjects' love is the king's best guard.

KISSING

A kiss of the mouth often touches not the heart.

Do not make me kiss, and you will not make me sin.

Kisses are the messengers of love.—*Danish.*

Many kiss the child for the nurse's sake.—*Danish.*

Ne'er again such bliss,
As love's first kiss.

One kisses the child for the mother's sake, and the mother for the child's sake.—*German.*

KITCHENS

A fat kitchen is next door to poverty.—*Italian.*

A fat kitchen makes a lean purse.—*German.*

Silks and satins, scarlets and velvets put out the kitchen fire.—*German.*

The kitchen kills more than the sword.—*German.*

KNAVERY

A rich knave is a libel on the laws.

He who saith there is no such thing as an honest man, you may be sure is himself a knave.—*Bishop Berkeley.*

One piece of knavery begets another.—*Terence.*

The hatred of knaves is preferable to their company.—*Latin.*

When rogues fall out, honest men come by their own.

KNOWLEDGE

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

He that imagines he hath knowledge enough hath none.

He that knows least commonly presumes most.

He that would know what shall be must consider what hath been.

He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.—*Ecclesiastes* 1 : 18.

He who knows himself best, esteems himself least.

He who thinks he knows the most knows the least.

It is not the quantity but the quality of knowledge which is valuable.—*Samuel Sorbiere.*

Knowledge is the knowing that we cannot know.—*Emerson.*

> Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
> The proper study of mankind is man.
>
> —*Pope.*

Knowledge begins a gentleman, but 'tis conversation that completes him.

Knowledge in youth is wisdom in age.

Knowledge is power.—*Bacon.*

Knowledge is the foundation of eloquence.—*Beaconsfield.*

No man is born wise or learned.

One may live and learn.

Study makes learned men but not always pious and wise.—*German.*

The more a man knows, the less he knows he knows.

The more a man knows the more he is inclined to be modest. —*Fielding.*

Who knows most forgives most.—*Italian.*

LABOR

A good head and industrious hand are worth gold in any land.—*German.*

A good laborer is better than a bad priest.—*German.*

A used plough shines; standing water stinks.—*German.*

Blessing goes with labor.—*Turkish.*

Bodily labor earns not much.

By labor comes wealth.—*Yorubas (Africa).*

Finished labors are pleasant.

From labor there shall come forth rest.—*Longfellow.*

God gives every bird its food, but does not throw it into the nest. —*J. G. Holland.*

He who toils with pain will eat with pleasure.—*Chinese.*

It is hard to labor with an empty belly.—*Danish.*

Labor conquers all things.—*Virgil.*

Labor has a bitter root but a sweet taste.—*Danish.*

Labor, if it were not necessary to the existence, would be indispensable to the happiness of man.—*Dr. Johnson.*

Labor is itself a pleasure.—*Lucretius.*

Labor is preferable to idleness as brightness to rust.—*Plato.*

Labor is the best sauce.—*Latin.*

Labor is the capital of our workingmen.—*Cleveland.*

Labor rids us of three great evils: tediousness, vice and poverty.—*French.*

Labor, wide as the earth, has its summit in heaven.—*Carlyle.*

Learn to labor and to wait.—*Longfellow.*

Life gives nothing to men without great labor.—*Horace.*

Love labor; for if thou dost not want it for food, thou mayest for physic.—*Wm. Penn.*

No man can eat anything sweeter in this world than what is acquired by his own labor.—*Turkish Spy.*

No sweet without some sweat.

Nothing is achieved without toil.

Reward sweetens labor.—*Dutch.*

The sleep of the laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. —*Ecclesiastes* 5:12.

The world owes every man a living; and every man owes the world the effort to make it.

To labor is the lot of man below.—*Homer.*

To make a man of yourself you must toil.—*Chinese.*

When toil ceases the people suffer.—*Beaconsfield.*

Without labor, no good thing.—*German.*

LANGUAGE

Language most shows a man; speak that I may see thee.—*Ben Jonson.*

LAUGHTER

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.—*Lamb.*

A light heart lives long.—*Shakespeare.*

An ass is the gravest beast.

A man's task is always light if his heart is light.—*Lew Wallace.*

By much laughter you detect the fool.—*Latin.*

Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt,
And every grin, so merry, draws one out.
—*Wolcot.*

Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful.

He that laughs at his ain joke spoils the sport o' it.—*Scotch.*

He who laughs last laughs best.—*French, Italian, German, Danish.*

He who laughs overmuch may have an aching heart.—*Italian.*

He who laughs too much hath the nature of a fool; he that laugheth not at all hath the nature of an old cat.

If you would keep the wrinkles out of your face, keep sunshine in your heart.

Laugh and grow fat.

Laugh at your ills,
And save doctors' bills.

Laughter does not prove a mind at ease.—*French.*

Laughter is the hiccup of a fool.

Laughter leaves us doubly serious shortly after.—*Byron.*

Laughter makes good blood.—*Italian.*

May our purses be heavy and our hearts light!

Much laughter little wit.—*Portuguese.*

Nothing is sillier than a silly laugh.—*Catullus.*

Of all days, that one is most wasted on which one has not laughed. —*Chamfort.*

Said the monkey to the bear, "'Tis as easy to grin as to growl."

The laughter of the cottage is the most hearty.—*Latin.*

The loud laugh speaks the vacant mind.

The more fools, the more laughter.—*French.*

Who laughs on Friday will cry on Saturday.—*German.*

LAW

A case well stated is half tried.—*W. W. Wilshire.*

A long lawsuit is the lawyer's vintage.—*German.*

A lean compromise is better than a fat lawsuit.—*French, Italian, Spanish, German, Danish, Dutch.*

A pretty woman wins the lawsuit.—*German.*

A promise against law or duty is void in its nature.

Accusing is proving where malice and force sit judges.

Agree, for the law is costly.

Agree with thine adversary quickly.—*Matthew* 5:25.

An upright judge has more regard to justice than to men.

Custom becomes law.—*Spanish.*

Don't hear one and judge two.—*Greek.*

Favor and gifts disturb justice.

Drink and lawing lead to the poorhouse.—*German.*

Fond of lawsuits, little wealth; fond of doctors, little health.

For the upright there are no laws.—*German.*

God keep me from judge and doctor.—*Turkish.*

Good men want the laws only for their defence.

He that has the worst cause makes the most noise.

He wastes his tears who weeps before the judge.—*Italian.*

He that goes to law for a sheep loses his cow.—*German.*

He will go to law for the wagging of a straw.

If the judge be your accuser, may God be your help.—*Turkish.*

Justice oft leans to the side where the purse hangs.—*Danish.*

Law and Equity, which God hath joined, let no man put asunder. —*Colton.*

Laws are not made for the good.—*Socrates.*

Laws grind the poor, and rich men rule the law.—*Goldsmith.*

Laws were made for rogues.—*Italian.*

Lawsuits make the parties lean, the lawyers fat.—*German.*

Litigation and gaming bring many to want.—*Cingalese.*

Little do you know what a gloriously uncertain thing the law is. —*Plautus.*

Men who go to law must expect to eat their 'taters without salt. —*Detroit Free Press.*

Money and friendship break the arms of justice.—*Italian.*

No man may be both accuser and judge.—*Plutarch.*

No thief e'er felt the halter draw
With good opinion of the law.

Nothing is law that is not reason.—*Powell.*

One lawsuit begets another.—*Latin.*

The judge is condemned when the guilty are acquitted.—*Syrus.*

The nobleman is always in the right when the peasant sues.—*Russian.*

There is no free state where the laws are not supreme.—*Aristotle.*

The only thing certain about litigation is its uncertainty.—*Bovee.*

The worst of a lawsuit is that out of one there grow a hundred.—*Spanish.*

'Tis but to hazard my pretence
Where nothing's certain but the expense.
—(*To go to law.*) *Butler.*

Truth is straight but judges are crooked.—*Russian.*

Where law ends, tyranny begins.—*Wm. Pitt.*

Who will prosecute a lawsuit must have much gold, good lawyers, much patience and much luck.—*German.*

Who will live in peace must keep himself from women and lawsuits. —*German.*

You little know what a ticklish thing it is to go to law.—*Plautus.*

LAWYERS

A lawyer and a cart-wheel must be well greased.—*German.*

A lawyer is a learned gentleman who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it to himself.—*Brougham.*

A peasant between two lawyers is a fish between two cats.—*Catalan.*

Choose an old physician and a young lawyer.

Colonel Compromise is the best and cheapest lawyer.

Fools and obstinate men make lawyers rich.

Good counsellors lack no clients.—*Shakespeare.*

Hide nothing from thy minister, physician, and lawyer.

I know you lawyers can with ease
Twist words and meanings as you please.

Lawyers and painters can soon make black white.—*Danish.*

Lawyers and woodpeckers have long bills.

Lawyers will live so long as mine and thine exist.—*German.*

The lawyer dreams his life long of quarrels and contentions.—*German.*

"The suit is ended," said the lawyer; "neither party has anything left."—*German.*

"Virtue in the middle," quoth the devil, as he sat between two lawyers.—*Danish.*

Who knows enough to keep out of law is a good lawyer.

LAZINESS

A lazy boy and a warm bed are difficult to part.—*Danish.*

Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.—*Proverbs* 23:21.

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.—*Franklin.*

Let the devil never find you unoccupied.—*Latin.*

Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty.—*Proverbs* 20:13.

None so busy as those who do nothing.—*French.*

Rest! Rest! Shall I not have all eternity to rest in?—*Arnauld.*

The devil gets a good deal of work out of lazy people.

The lazy man goes to his work like a thief to the gallows.

There is much ill health that is mere laziness.

To a lazy man every day is a holiday.—*Turkish.*

When youth sleeps on beds of roses
Age on beds of thorns reposes.
—*Quarles.*

Who is lazy in his youth must work in old age.—*German.*

LEADERS

A headless army fights badly.—*Danish.*

If you want to be a leader of the people you must watch events.

Men, like cattle, follow him who leads.—*Byron.*

What's an army without a general?

LEARNING

A learned man can only be appreciated by another learned man. —*Cingalese.*

A man becomes learned by asking questions.

I pity unlearned gentlemen on a rainy day.—*Lord Falkland.*

If thou love learning thou shalt be learned.—*Isocrates.*

It is never too late to learn.

It is no shame for a man to learn that which he knoweth not, whatever be his age.—*Isocrates.*

Learning by study must be won,
'Twas ne'er entailed from sire to son.
—*Gay.*

Learning is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, and a provision in old age.—*Aristotle.*

Learning makes a good man better and an ill man worse.

Learning makes a man fit companion for himself.

Learning refines and elevates the mind.

Never too old to learn.

The learned man has always riches in himself.—*Phædrus.*

The older one grows the more one learns.—*Dutch.*

There is no royal road to learning.

'Tis harder to unlearn than to learn.

LENDING

He that doth lend doth lose his friend.

If you would get rid of a bore, lend him money.—*Courier.*

If you would make an enemy, lend a man money and ask it again.

Lend to one who will not repay, and you will provoke his dislike. —*Chinese.*

He who lendeth to the poor gets his interest from God.—*German.*

People lend only to the rich.

> Who to his friends his money lends,
> May lose his money and his friends.
> —*Plautus.*

LEISURE

None but a wise man can employ leisure well.

LEVITY

Mock not levity, nor jest at anything of importance.

LIBERTY

A bean in liberty is better than a comfit in prison.

A libertine's life is not a life of liberty.

Arbitrary power is most easily established on the ruins of liberty abused to licentiousness.—*Washington.*

Education is a truer safeguard of liberty than a standing army.—*Edward Everett.*

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable.—*Daniel Webster.*

Liberty can not be established without morality, nor morality without faith.—*Horace Greeley.*

Liberty consists in the power of doing that which is permitted by law.—*Cicero.*

Liberty is from God; liberties from the devil.—*German.*

Liberty is not the right of one but of many.—*Herbert Spencer.*

I care not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.—*Patrick Henry.*

Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty as well as by the abuse of power.—*Madison in the Federalist.*

Liberty with laws and government without oppression.

Oh, liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!—*Madame Roland.*

Our country can not well subsist without liberty, nor liberty without virtue.—*Rousseau.*

Reason and virtue alone can bestow liberty.—*Shaftesbury.*

That comes with honor is true liberty.—*Massinger.*

The chief glory, the true honor of a nation is liberty.—*Lafayette.*

The love of liberty with life is given.—*Dryden.*

The people never give up their liberty but under some delusion. —*Burke.*

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not themselves.—*Lincoln.*

LIFE

As you make your bed so must you lie on it.

Life is half spent before we know what it is.—*French.*

Life is what we make of it.

Life, like a kiss, is sweet but soon over.

Life that is too short for the happy is too long for the miserable.

Live not for time, but eternity.

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.
—*Longfellow.*

Our life is scarcely the twinkle of a star
In God's eternal day.
—*Bayard Taylor.*

The only sure path to a tranquil life is through virtue.—*Juvenal.*

There is nothing of which men are so fond, and withal so careless, as life.—*La Bruyère.*

The rock that resists a crowbar gives way to the roots of a tender plant.—*Tamil.*

We find in life exactly what we put in it.—*Emerson.*

LIGHT

The moon's not seen when the sun shines.

LISTENING

Listeners hear no good of themselves.—*Spanish.*

Men were made to listen as well as talk.—*Beaconsfield.*

LITTLE THINGS

A feather shows the way the wind blows,
And a straw the way the stream flows.

A grain does not fill a sack, but it helps its fellows.—*Spanish.*

A great gap may be filled with small stones.—*Gaelic.*

A little leak will sink a great ship.

A little spark kindles a great fire.—*Italian, German, Spanish.*

A small cloud may hide both sun and moon.—*Danish.*

Attention to small things is the economy of virtue.—*Chinese.*

Constant dropping wears the stone.

Despise not a small wound, a poor kinsman, or a humble enemy. —*Danish.*

Drop by drop fills the tub.—*French.*

From little things men go on to great.—*Dutch.*

Hair by hair the head grows bald.—*Danish.*

He that despises little things is not worthy of the great.—*Dutch.*

He who prizes little things is worthy of great ones.—*German.*

How great a matter a little fire kindleth!—*James* 3 : 5.

Large streams from little fountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow.
—*Everett.*

Little and often fills the purse.—*German.*

Little brooks make great rivers.—*French.*

Little drops produce the shower.—*Latin.*

Little strokes fell great oaks.—*Latin.*

Mind your P's and Q's.

One link broken, the whole chain is broken.—*German.*

The bee is little among such as fly; but her fruit is the chief of sweet things.—*Apocrypha.*

The greatest things are done by the help of small ones.

The insignificant often are the most to be feared.—*La Fontaine.*

The least and weakest man can do some hurt.

The smallest insect can cause death by its bite.—*Chinese.*

The strongest things are in danger from the weakest.—*Spectator.*

The whole ocean is made up of little drops.

LOCKS

Locks and keys are not made for honest fingers.—*German.*

No lock will hold against the power of gold.

LOOKING-GLASSES

There's none so homely but loves a looking-glass.—*South.*

They who are often at the looking-glass seldom spin.—*Dutch.*

Your looking-glass will tell you what none of your friends will.

LOSSES

Losses make us more cautious.

Prefer loss to unjust gain.

They who lose to-day may win to-morrow.—*Demosthenes.*

Trivial losses often prove great gains.—*Ovid.*

When a thing is lost its worth is known.—*German.*

LOST THINGS

Were it a wolf it would spring at your throat. *(Said to a person hunting a thing that another sees near him.)*

LOTTERIES

A lottery is taxation on all the fools in creation.—*Fielding.*

LOVE

A boy's love is like water in a sieve.—*Spanish.*

All's fair in love and war.

Always in love, never married.—*French.*

A man declares his love, a woman confesses hers.—*Mme. de Genlis.*

A man has choice to begin love but not to end it.

Be loving and you'll never want for love.—*Muloch.*

Better a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.—*Proverbs* 15 : 17.

Blue eyes say, "Love me or I die;" black eyes say, "Love me or I kill thee."—*Spanish.*

But love has never known a law
Beyond its own sweet will.
—*Whittier.*

But Love is blind and lovers cannot see
The pretty follies that themselves commit.
—*Shakespeare.*

By beating love decays.—*French.*

Counsel is nothing against love.—*Italian.*

Esteem and love were never to be sold.—*Pope.*

Follow love and it will flee, flee love and it will follow thee.

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned.—*Congreve.*

He loves well who never forgets.—*Italian, Spanish, Portuguese.*

He that hath love in his breast hath spurs in his heels.

He that is in love bids adieu to prudence.—*La Fontaine.*

He that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law.—*Romans* 13 : 8.

He who forces love where none is found,
Remains a fool the whole year round.
—*Spanish.*

He who would not be indolent let him fall in love.—*Ovid.*

Hot love is soon cold.

If Jack's in love he's no judge of Jill's beauty.

In dreams and in love there are no impossibilities.—*Arany.*

Let love be without dissimulation.—*Romans* 12:9.

Life is a flower of which love is the honey.—*Victor Hugo.*

Like the measles, love is most dangerous when it comes late in life.—*Byron.*

Live to love and you will love to live.

Love accomplishes all things.—*Petrarch.*

Love all, trust a few, be false to none.—*Shakespeare.*

Love and light cannot be hid.

Love and poverty are hard to conceal.—*Danish.*

Love and religion are both stronger than friendship.—*Beaconsfield.*

Love and faith are seen in works.—*German, Portuguese.*

Love at first sight keeps the divorce court busy.

Love begets love—confidence begets confidence.—*New York World.*

Love can make any place agreeable.—*Arabian.*

Love can neither be bought nor sold; its only price is love.

Love deceives the best of womankind.—*Homer.*

Love delights in praise.

Love despises gold.

Love expels jealousy.—*French.*

Love fears no danger.—*German.*

Love, grief and money cannot be kept secret.—*Spanish.*

Love grows with obstacles.—*German.*

Love has no law.—*Portuguese.*

Love is a credulous thing.—*Ovid.*

Love is a leveller.—*Aaron Hill.*

Love is a sweet tyrant because the lover endureth his torments willingly.—*Niphas.*

Love rules the court, the camp, the grove,
And men below, and saints above,
For love is heaven and heaven is love.
—*Scott.*

Love rules without a sword
And binds without a cord.

Love rules without law.—*Italian.*

Love sees no faults.

Love understands love; it needs no talk.

Love warms more than a thousand fires.

Love will creep where it cannot go.

Love will find out the way.

Love's the noblest frailty of the mind.—*Dryden.*

Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you.—*Luke* 6:27.

Loving and singing are not to be forced.—*German.*

Man's love is of man's life a thing apart,
'Tis woman's whole existence.
—*Byron.*

Nobody's sweetheart is ugly.—*Dutch.*

Not to know love is not to live.—*Gay.*

Old love does not rust.—*German.*

One always returns to one's first love.—*French.*

One love drives out another.—*Spanish.*

Owe no man anything save to love one another.—*Romans* 13:8.

Perfect love never settled in a light head.

Pity melts the heart to love.—*Dryden.*

Reason was never admitted into the court of love.—*Agricola.*

Love is a thing full of anxious fears.—*Ovid.*

Love is a shroud in which the faults of our loved one lie buried.

Love is strong as death . . . many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.—*Song* 8:6, 7.

Love is as warm among cottagers as courtiers.

Love is better than fame.—*Bayard Taylor.*

Love is better than spectacles to make everything seem great.—*Sir Philip Sidney.*

Love is like a dizziness;
It winna let a poor body
Gang about his biziness.
—*Hogg.*

Love is like the measles; we are not apt to have it severe but once.

Love is strong as death: jealousy as cruel as the grave.—*Song* 8:6.

Love is the touchstone of virtue.

Love is the true price at which love is bought.—*Italian.*

Love is without prudence and anger without counsels.—*Italian.*

Love, knavery, and necessity make men good orators.

Love laughs at locksmiths.

Love, like death,
Levels all ranks and lays the shepherd's crook
Beside the scepter.
—*Lytton.*

Love lives in cottages as well as in courts.

Love makes fools wits, and wits fools.

Love makes labor light.—*Dutch.*

Love makes time pass, and time makes love pass.—*French.*

Love me little and love me long.—*French, Italian, Danish.*

Lovers' purses are tied with cobwebs.—*Italian.*

Lovers' quarrels are love redoubled.—*Portuguese.*

Lovers think others blind.—*Italian, Spanish.*

Quarrels of lovers but renew their love.

She who loves an ugly man thinks him handsome.

Spectacles and gray hair are bad wares in love's market.—*German.*

The course of true love never did run smooth.—*Shakespeare.*

The greatest pleasure of life is love.—*W. Temple.*

The heart that has truly loved never forgets.—*Moore.*

The love of lads, like fire and fads, is soon in and soon out.

The love of the wicked is more dangerous than their hatred.

The only victory over love is flight.—*French.*

There is more pleasure in loving than in being loved.

There is more true happiness in the folly of love than in all the wisdom of philosophy.—*Fielding.*

There is nothing half so sweet in life,
As love's young dream.
—*Moore.*

The soul is not where it lives but where it loves.

The sweetest joy, the wildest woe, is love.—*Bailey.*

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—*Mark* 12:31.

'Tis better to have loved and lost,
Than never to have loved at all.
—*Tennyson.*

To be loved, be lovable.—*Ovid.*

We never know how much we loved till what we loved is lost.

What is life when wanting love?—*Burns.*

What were the forest without its flowers?
What were life without its loves?

When love fails we espy all faults.

When mistrust enters, love departs.—*Danish.*

When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out at the window.—*German.*

Where love is there is no labor, and if there be labor, the labor is loved.—*St. Austin.*

Where love is, there the eye is.—*Italian.*

Where there is no love all faults are seen.—*German.*

Where we do not respect we soon cease to love.—*Beaconsfield.*

Who loves well is slow to forget.—*French.*

LOVERS

All are fools or lovers first or last.—*Dryden.*

All mankind love a lover.—*Emerson.*

A lover's anger is short lived.—*Italian.*

Lovers are fools.—*Latin.*

LOYALTY

Be true to your word, your work, and your friend.—*John Boyle O'Reilly.*

LUCK

A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck.—*Garfield.*

A stout heart crushes ill luck.—*Spanish.*

Bad luck often brings good luck.

Better luck next time.

Diligence is the mother of Good Luck.—*Franklin.*

Good luck is often bad luck in disguise.

It is better to be born lucky than rich.

Luck comes to those who look after it.—*Spanish.*

Luck is always against the man who depends upon it.

Luck is for the few, death for the many.—*German.*

Luck stops at the door, and asks whether Prudence is in.—*Danish.*

Lucky men are as rare as white crows.—*Juvenal.*

Most men find their hoodoo by looking in the mirror.

LUXURY

He tried the luxury of doing good.—*Crabbe.*

> Luxury destroys mankind,
> At once corrupts the body and the mind.
> —*Crown.*

Luxury is the bane of morality and virtue.—*Swiss.*

Luxury! thou curst by Heaven's decree.—*Goldsmith.*

LYING

A false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that uttereth lies shall not escape.—*Proverbs* 19: 5.

A liar is a nuisance to society.

A liar is never esteemed.—*Cingalese.*

A liar is sooner caught than a cripple.—*Italian, Portuguese.*

A liar's punishment is not being believed when he speaks the truth. —*Italian.*

A lie is like a snowball; the farther you roll it, the bigger it becomes.—*Luther.*

A lie needs twenty more to prop it.

A lie like a note must be met at last.

A lie though it promises good will do thee harm and truth will do thee good at last.

All is not gospel that comes out of the mouth.

"Almost" and "very nigh" save many a lie.

Beware of errors of the mouth.—*Hindoo.*

Falsehood is folly.—*Homer.*

Falsehood is cowardice, truth is courage.—*Hosea Ballou.*

Falsehood is the devil's daughter and speaks her father's tongue. —*Danish.*

Great talkers are commonly liars.

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.—*Psalms* 119: 163.

If lying were a capital crime,
Hangmen would have to work overtime.

I hate a liar.—*Plautus.*

"I heard one say so," is half a lie.

If lies were Latin there would be many learned men.—*Danish.*

Liars should have good memories.—*Italian, German.*

Lies pass away, truth endures.—*German.*

Lying and gossiping go hand in hand.—*Spanish.*

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord.—*Proverbs* 12:22.

Show me a liar and I'll show you a thief.—*French, German, Dutch.*

The credit got by a lie lasts only till the truth comes out.

Though a lie be swift truth overtakes it.—*Italian.*

Wisdom never lies.—*Homer.*

MAGISTRATES

Magistrates are to obey as well as execute laws.

MAIDENS

A maid oft seen and a gown oft worn,
Are disesteemed and held in scorn.

A maid that laughs is half taken.

All meat is to be eaten, all maids to be wed.

A maid that talketh yieldeth.

For the virtuous maiden employment is enjoyment.—*Don Quixote.*

Maids say nay and take.

Maids want nothing but husbands, and when they have them, they want everything.

Maidens say no and mean yes.—*German.*

Maidens should be mild and meek,
Swift to hear and slow to speak.

Maidens must be seen and not heard.

One hair of a maiden's head pulls harder than ten oxen.—*Danish.*

Poor maids have more lovers than husbands.—*John Webster.*

Young maids, "who"—old maids, "when."

MALICE

He that keeps malice harbors a viper in his breast.

Hot men harbor no malice.

Malice drinketh its own poison.

Malice hath a strong sight and a strong memory.

Malice seldom wants a mark to shoot at.

There is hardly any malignity so intolerable that it may not be overcome by repeated favors.—*Dion.*

MAN

A fence lasts three years, a dog lasts three fences, a horse three dogs, and a man three horses.—*German.*

As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.—*Proverbs* 23:7.

God created man in his own image.—*Genesis* 1:27.

Man is an animal that cooks his victuals.—*Burke.*

Man is an animal that writes.—*Homer.*

Man is a two-legged animal without feathers.—*Plato.*

Man is the merriest species of the creation.—*Addison.*

Men are but children of a larger growth.—*Dryden.*

Men are not to be measured by inches.

Some men are born anvils, some are born hammers.

Worth makes the man and want of it the fellow.—*Pope.*

MANAGING

Better direct well than work hard.

He that commandeth well shall be obeyed well.

He who cannot command himself, it is folly to think to command others.—*Labertius.*

If you command wisely, you'll be obeyed cheerfully.

Little is done where many command.—*Dutch.*

MANLINESS

Frowning and fierceness do not prove manliness.—*Yorubas (Africa).*

MARCH

A bushel of March dust on the leaves is worth a king's ransom.

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.

A windy March and a rainy April make a beautiful May.

In March much snow, to plants and trees much woe.—*German.*

March grass never did good.

March hackman comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

March in Janivier, Janivier in March I fear.

MARRIAGE

A deaf husband and a blind wife are always a happy couple.—*French, Danish.*

Age and wedlock tame man and beast.

An ill marriage is a spring of ill fortune.

A poor wedding is a prologue to misery.

Better half-hanged than ill-wed.

Domestic happiness, the only bliss of paradise that has survived the fall.—*L'Estrange.*

From being tied to a sour apple-tree, deliver us, good Lord!

Hasty marriages seldom turn out well.—*German.*

He has great need of a wife who marries mamma's darling.

He is the most enviable who wins a true heart, and has the merit to keep it.

He that is needy when he is married shall be rich when he is buried.

He that marries ere he be wise will die ere he thrive.

He who marries a beauty marries trouble.—*Yorubas (Africa).*

How thrice wretched is he who marries when he is poor.—*Greek.*

If thou wouldst marry wisely, marry thy equal.—*Ovid.*

It is a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cock.

Keep your eyes open before marriage and shut afterwards.

Like blood, like age, and like goods make the happiest marriage.

Many a one for land
Takes a fool by the hand.
—*Scotch.*

Marriage is a lottery with more blanks than prizes.

Marriage is heaven or hell.—*German.*

Marriage is the bloom or blight of all men's happiness.—*Byron.*

Marriage is the mother of the world and preserves kingdoms, and fills cities, churches and heaven itself.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

Marriage, rightly understood,
Gives to the tender and the good
A paradise below.
—*Cotton.*

Marriages are made in heaven.

Marry and grow tame.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

Marriage with peace is the world's paradise, with strife this life's purgatory.

Marrying is easy but housekeeping is hard.—*German.*

Marry in haste and repent at leisure.—*French, Italian, German, Dutch.*

Never marry but for love; but see thou lovest what is lovely.—*Wm. Penn.*

Not "What has she?" but "What is she?"

Rising early and marrying young are what no man ever repents of.—*Martin Luther.*

The crow will find its mate.—*Danish.*

The day upon which you marry, you make or mar yourself.

The man rarely marries the woman he jokes about; she often marries the man she laughs at.

There is no paradise on earth equal to the union of love and innocence.—*Rousseau.*

Wed-lock is a pad-lock.

When we are married or dead, it's for a long time.

Who weds a sot to get his cot,
Will lose the cot and get the sot.
—*Dutch.*

MARTYRS

He can never be God's martyr that is the devil's servant.

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.

Who perisheth in needless danger is the devil's martyr.

MASTERS

A bad master makes a bad servant.—*Spanish.*

He that hath learned to obey will know how to command.—*Solon.*

Like master, like man.—*French, Italian, German, Dutch.*

Masters are mostly the greatest servants in the house.

Masters' hints are commands.—*Italian.*

Masters should be sometimes blind and sometimes deaf.

No man can serve two masters.

One eye of the master sees more than four of the servants'.

We cannot all be masters.—*Shakespeare.*

MATTER

What is matter? never mind. What is mind? never matter.—*Punch.*

MAXIMS

A good maxim is never out of season.

Maxims are the condensed good sense of nations.—*Sir J. Mackintosh.*

The maxims of men disclose their hearts.—*French.*

MAY

A hot May makes a fat churchyard.

It is not always May.—*Longfellow.*

MAYBE

It would take a very large book that contained all the "may-be's" uttered in a day.—*French.*

MEASURES

Good weight and measure is Heaven's treasure.

It is not a sin to sell dear, but it is to make ill measure.

Measure your cloth twice since you can cut but once.—*Schlav Merchant.*

MEAT

The nearer the bone the sweeter the flesh.—*German, Dutch.*

MEDDLING

Every fool will be meddling.

He sticks his nose in everything.—*German.*

He that speaks of things that do not concern him, shall hear of things that will not please him.—*Arabian.*

He who tastes every man's broth sometimes burns his mouth.—*Danish.*

It is best to let sleeping dogs lie.

Meddle not with what you don't understand.—*Portuguese.*

Leave well enough alone.

Meddle not with dirt; some of it will stick to you.—*Danish.*

No good ever comes of minding other men's matters.—*Fielding.*

Of little meddling comes great ease.

MEDICINE

Bitter pills may have wholesome effects.

Desperate diseases require desperate remedies.—*French.*

If the pills were pleasant they would not want gilding.

MEMORY

Bad memory has its root in bad attention.

It is as well now and then not to remember all we know.—*Syrus.*

Many complain of their memory, none of their judgment.

Memory is the first of faculties that age invades.

Memory is the purveyor of reason.—*Rambler.*

Memory is the tax-gatherer of the past.—*Punch.*

Memory is the treasurer and guardian of all things.—*Cicero.*

Memory is the treasurer of the mind.

Memory tempers prosperity, mitigates adversity and controls youth and delights old age.—*Lactantius.*

The remembrance of a well spent life is sweet.

Though lost to sight, to memory dear.

We have all forgotten more than we remember.

MERCY

A merciful man is merciful to his beast.

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.—*Matthew* 5:7.

It is safer to err on the side of mercy.—*Coke.*

He that will not be merciful to his beast is a beast himself.—*Thos. Fuller.*

Mercy but murders, pardoning those who kill.—*Shakespeare.*

Mercy often inflicts death.—*Seneca.*

Mercy sways the brave.—*Homer.*

Mercy to him that shows it, is the rule.—*Cowper.*

Mercy to the criminal may be cruelty to the people.—*Arabian Nights.*

Misplaced lenity is an offence against society.—*Seneca.*

Nothing emboldens sin so much as mercy.—*Shakespeare.*

Show mercy unto all things which have life.—*Hitopadesa.*

Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge.—*Shakespeare.*

The sword from heaven above falls not down in haste.

MERIT

A man who displays his own merit is a fool, and a man who does not know it is a fool.—*Chesterfield.*

Dignities and honors set off merit, as good dress does good figure.

Merit is sure to rise.—*Hans Andersen.*

True merit is like a river: the deeper it is the less noise it makes.—*Halifax.*

MICE

The mouse is knowing, but the cat more knowing.—*Danish.*

Weel kens the mouse when the cat's out o' the house.—*Scotch.*

MIGHT

Might is not right.—*French, Dutch.*

Where might is master, justice is servant.—*German.*

MIND

'Tis the mind ennobles, not the blood.—*German.*

'Tis the riches of the mind only that makes a man rich and happy.

MIRTH

A merry fellow was never yet a sensible man.—*Chesterfield.*

A merry heart doth good like a medicine.—*Proverbs* 17:22.

A merry host makes merry guests.—*Dutch.*

A pennyworth of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow.

Always merry is seldom rich.—*German.*

As merry as a cricket.

Be merry but sin not.

Be merry if you are wise.—*Martial.*

He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.—*Proverbs* 15: 15.

It is good to be merry at meat.

Mirth and motion prolong life.

Mirth is the medicine of life; it cures its ills and calms its strife.

One ounce of mirth is worth more than a thousand weight of melancholy.

> There is not a string attuned to mirth,
> But has its chord in melancholy.
>
> —*Hood.*

MISERS

Addition is the miser's sum of happiness.—*Punch.*

A miser grows rich by seeming poor, an extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich.—*Shenstone.*

A miser's son is generally a spendthrift.—*Latin.*

As good beg of a naked man as a miser.

Is it not sheer madness to live poor to die rich?—*Juvenal.*

Poor though in the midst of wealth.—*Latin.*

> The base wretch who hoards up all he can,
> Is praised and called a careful man.
>
> —*Dryden.*

The devil lies brooding in the miser's chest.

The wolf is sometimes satisfied, the miser never.—*German.*

'Tis strange the miser should his cares employ
To gain those riches he can ne'er enjoy.

—*Pope.*

MISERY

He is miserable once who feels it, but twice who fears it before it comes.

Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows.—*Shakespeare.*

When misery is highest, help is nighest.

MISFORTUNES

Misfortune does not always come to injure.—*Italian.*

Misfortune is a good teacher.—*German.*

Misfortunes come on horseback and go away on foot.—*French.*

Misfortunes come upon us all at once like sticks upon a dog.—*Cervantes.*

Misfortunes make strange bedfellows.

Misfortunes make us wise.

Misfortunes often sharpen the genius.—*Ovid.*

One misfortune brings on another.—*Portuguese, Dutch.*

Our worst misfortunes are those that never befall us.

The good seaman is known in bad weather.

The misfortunes to which we are accustomed affect us less deeply.—*Latin.*

There is no greater misfortune than not to be able to bear misfortune.—*Latin.*

There is nothing we forget sooner than past misfortunes.—*French.*

To really understand a man we must judge him in misfortune.—*Napoleon.*

MISTAKES

A good marksman may miss.

Any man may make a mistake; but none but a fool will stick to it.—*Cicero.*

Learn from other men's mistakes to prevent your own.—*Terence.*

Mistakes occur in the best regulated families.

Mistakes occur through haste, never through doing a thing leisurely. —*Chinese.*

No one so sure but he may miss.—*Dutch.*

Wise men learn by other men's mistakes; fools by their own.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS

Every man is the best interpreter of his own words.—*German.*

The meaning is best known to the speaker.—*French.*

MOBS

A mob's a monster with many hands and no brains.—*Franklin.*

Against the wild fire of the mob there is no defence.

MOCKING

It is never becoming to mock the miserable.—*La Fontaine.*

MODERATION

A middle course is the safest.

Moderate measures succeed best.

Moderation in prosperity argues a great mind.

Moderation is best.—*Cleobulus.*

Nothing that is violent is permanent.

There is a medium in all things.—*Horace.*

The wise take the middle way.—*German.*

Two things are bad: "too much," and "too little."

Violent fires soon burn out.

Small showers last long, but sudden storms are short.—*Shakespeare.*

MODESTY

Loquacity storms the ear, but modesty takes the heart.

Modesty becomes a young man.—*Plautus.*

Modesty has more charms than beauty.

Of their own merits modest men are dumb.—*Coleman.*

She that loseth her modesty and honesty hath nothing else worth losing.

Teach thy tongue to say, "I do not know."—*Talmud.*

Though modesty be a virtue, bashfulness is a vice.

MONEY

A fat purse makes a soft pillow.

A fool and his money are soon parted.

A full purse makes the heart light.—*German.*

A full purse has many friends.—*German.*

A man who is proud of his money has rarely anything else to be proud of.

A man without money is like a bird without wings; if he soars he falls to the ground and dies.—*Roumanian.*

A man without money is a bow without an arrow.

A man without money is a ship without sails.—*Dutch.*

An empty purse fills the face with wrinkles.

An empty purse frightens away friends.

An empty purse makes a man wise too late.—*Portuguese.*

A silver hammer breaks an iron door.—*French.*

A silver key can open an iron lock.

Be it for better or be it for worse,
Be ruled by him that beareth the purse.

But few prize honor more than money.—*Sallust.*

But help me to money and I'll help myself to friends.

Chains of gold are stronger than chains of iron.

Fire, water, and money are good servants but bad masters.

Flight toward preferment will be but slow without some golden feathers.

Give me money, not advice.—*Portuguese.*

God makes and apparel shapes, but it is money that finishes the man.

God send me some money, for they are little thought of that want it.—*Scotch.*

Gold and silver are a good provision in the purse.

Good manners and plenty of money will make my son a gentleman. —*Portuguese.*

Heavy purses and light hearts can sustain much.—*Dutch.*

He that fights with silver is sure to overcome.

He that gets money before he gets wit,
Will be but a short while master of it.

He that has no silver in his purse should have silver on his tongue.

He that is known to have no money has neither friends nor credit.

He that wants money is accounted among those who want wit.

He who throws away money with his hands, will seek it with his feet.—*Italian.*

If thou wouldst keep money, save money.

If thou wouldst reap money, sow money.

If you have money, take a seat;
If you have none, take to your feet.
—*German.*

If you make money your god, 'twill plague you like a devil.—*Fielding.*

If you put nothing in your purse you can take nothing out.

I wot well how the world wags;
He is most loved who hath money bags.

I never knew a man to be thought less of because he had money.

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.—*Wesley.*

Money calls, but does not stay:
It is round and rolls away.

Money gathers money as a snowball gathers snow.

Money in the purse will always be in fashion.

Money is a good servant but a bad master.—*French.*

Money is a source of trouble and woe.—*Cingalese.*

Money is power.—*Dutch.*

Money,—the best friend of the masses,
The support of the classes,
The aim of the lasses,
The ruin of the asses.

Money thou need'st:
'Twill keep thee honest; want made thee a knave.
—*Ben Jonson.*

Money will make money.

Much money, many friends.—*German.*

No fence against gold.

Of showing your silver be afraid.—*Chinese.*

Rather a man without money, than money without a man.—*Themistocles.*

Quick come, quick go.

Silver and gold are all men's dears.—*Danish.*

Silver is of less value than gold, gold than virtue.—*Horace.*

Soon gained, soon squandered.—*French.*

Soon got, soon spent.

Spend and God will send.

The art is not in making money but in keeping it.

The love of money grows as money grows.—*Juvenal.*

The love of money is the root of all evil.—*1 Timothy* 6: 10.

The purse strings are the most common ties of friendship.

There is no getting blood out of a turnip *(i.e., of getting money from those who do not have any).—Italian.*

Those who believe money can do everything are frequently prepared to do everything for money.

Who has no money in his purse must have honey in his mouth.—*Italian.*

With money you would not know yourself, without money nobody would know you.—*Spanish.*

Wrinkled purses make wrinkled faces.

MOTHERS

All I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother.—*Abraham Lincoln.*

A mother is a mother still
The holiest thing alive.
—*Coleridge.*

A mother's heart is always with her children.—*German.*

A mother's love changes never.—*German.*

Children, make your mother happy,
Many griefs she has to bear;
And she wearies 'neath her burden—
Can you not those burdens share?
—*Alice Cary.*

He was short of news that spoke ill of his mother.

Men are what their mothers make them.—*Emerson.*

No mother is so wicked but she desires to have good children.—*Italian.*

That man is not worth hanging who does not love his mother.—*Spurgeon.*

Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well? My mother.
—*Jane Taylor.*

MOURNING

He mourns the dead who lives as they desire.—*Young.*

They truly mourn that mourn without a witness.—*Baron.*

What man so blest but mourns?—*Homer.*

MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers are always freemen.—*Latin.*

MOVING

I never saw an oft-removed tree, nor yet an oft-removed family that throve so well as those that settled be.—*Franklin.*

Plants oft removed never thrive.—*German.*

Three removes are as bad as a fire.

MULES

Mule don't kick accordin' to no rule.—*American Negro.*

MULTITUDES

The multitude is always in the wrong.—*Roscommon.*

MURDER

Murder will out; that we see day by day.—*Chaucer.*

MUSIC

Let not the man be trusted that hath no music in his soul.—*Shakespeare.*

Music has charms alone for peaceful minds.—*Pope.*

Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast.—*Congreve.*

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.—*Auerbach.*

Such as the music is, such are the people of the commonwealth.—*Turkish.*

Where there's music there can be no harm.—*Don Quixote.*

Who cannot become a fiddler let him remain a fifer.—*German.*

NAMES

What's in a name? that which we call a rose,
By any other name would smell as sweet.
—*Shakespeare.*

NATIONS

The fate of a nation will ultimately depend upon the strength and health of the population.—*Beaconsfield.*

The state that strives for liberty though foiled,
Deserves at least applause for her attempt.
—*Cowper.*

The unbought loyalty of men is the cheap defence of nations.—*Burke.*

What constitutes a state?
. . . Men who their duties know,
But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain.
—*Sir W. Jones.*

NATURE

Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?—*Jeremiah* 13:23.

Clipping a tiger's claws never makes him lose his taste for blood.

Crows, though they wash, are never the whiter.

Drive Nature out of the door and it will return by the window.

Nature and love cannot be hid.—*German.*

Nature is stronger than education.

No matter how much you feed a wolf he will always return to the forest.—*Russian.*

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.—*Shakespeare.*

The owl does not praise the light nor the wolf the day.—*Danish.*

The wolf loses his teeth, but not his inclination.—*Spanish.*

Though you seat the frog on a golden stool,
He will soon jump back into the pool.
—*German, Dutch.*

Wash a dog, comb a dog,
Still a dog remains a dog.
—*French, Danish.*

Washing a pig will not take from him the love of mud.

What belongs to nature lasts to the grave.—*Italian.*

You will never make a crab walk forwards.—*Greek.*

NECESSITY

A man driven by distress does as much as thirty.—*Spanish.*

Necessity and opportunity may make a coward valiant.

Necessity has a greater power than duty.—*Seneca.*

Necessity hath no law.

Necessity is a good teacher.—*German.*

Necessity is a hard master.—*German.*

Necessity is the mother of invention.—*French, German, Dutch.*

Necessity unites hearts.—*German.*

The inventions of necessity are older than those of pleasure.—*Cicero.*

NEGLECT

A little neglect may breed great mischief.

Any time means no time.

A stitch in time saves nine.

Celerity is never more admired than by the negligent.—*Shakespeare.*

Present neglect makes future regret.

Strike while the iron's hot.—*French, Italian, German, Portuguese, Dutch, Danish.*

The smith's mare and the cobbler's wife are always the worst shod.

NEIGHBORS

A bad neighbor is as great an evil as a good one is a blessing.—*Hesiod.*

A good neighbor is a precious thing.—*German.*

An unpeaceable man hath no neighbor.

Better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.—*Proverbs* 27 : 10.

Between neighbors' gardens a hedge is not amiss.—*Spanish.*

No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor.—*Danish.*

NEVER

Never is a long term.

NEWS

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.—*Proverbs* 25 : 25.

Bad news always come too soon.—*German.*

He knocks boldly who brings good news.—*French, Italian, Danish.*

Ill news travels fast.—*Italian.*

Too good news to be true.

NEWSPAPERS

The press is the sheet anchor of our liberties.

NICKNAMES

A nickname is the heaviest stone the devil can throw at a man.

NOBILITY

A noble deed never dies.

Better not be at all than not be noble.—*Tennyson.*

Nobility consists in virtue.—*Don Quixote.*

Piety, prudence, wit, and civility are the elements of true nobility. —*German.*

The more noble the more humble.

The rank is but the guinea stamp,
A man's a man for a' that.
—*Burns.*

There is a rank of mind as well as of birth.

'Tis only noble to be good.—*Tennyson.*

True nobility is exempt from fear.—*Shakespeare.*

NOISE

He that loves noise must buy a pig.

NONSENSE

A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the best of men.
—*Holmes.*

NOSES

A big (long) nose never spoiled a handsome face.—*French.*

He that hath a great nose thinks everybody is speaking of it.

NOVELTY

New things are most looked at.

Novelty is the great parent of pleasure.—*South.*

'Tis novelty that sets the people a-gaping,

OATHS

A true word needs no oath.—*Turkish.*

An unlawful oath is better broken than kept.

It is a great sin to swear unto a sin,
But greater sin to keep a sinful oath.
——*Shakespeare.*

'Tis not the many oaths that make the truth,
But the plain, single vow that is vowed true.
—*Shakespeare.*

To keep that oath were more impiety
Than Jephthah's, when he sacrificed his daughter.
—*Shakespeare.*

OBEDIENCE

A wise son heareth his father's instruction.—*Proverbs* 13:1.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.—*Ephesians* 6:1.

Obedience is more seen in little things than in great.

Obedience is the first duty of a child.

We must obey God rather than men.—*Acts* 5:29.

OFFENSES

'Tis easier to hurt than to heal.—*German.*

OFFICE

Great office, great care.

OLD MAIDS

As spiteful as an old maid.

OPINIONS

A wise man sometimes changes his mind, but a fool never.—*Spanish.*

Many men, many minds.

Opinion is the great pillar that upholds the commonwealth.

The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion.—*Lowell.*

The man is a fool who when asked for his candid opinion gives it.—*Punch.*

OPPORTUNITIES

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.—*Bacon.*

Be careful of the main chance.—*Dryden.*

Catch the opportunity.—*Latin.*

Circumstances? I make circumstances.—*Napoleon.*

Every dog hath his day, and every man his hour.

Know your opportunity.—*Pittacus, one of the Seven Wise Men.*

Let not slip the golden opportunity.

Men must sail while the wind serveth.—*Dutch.*

Opportunities do not wait.—*Greek.*

Opportunities neglected are lost.

The opportunity is often lost by deliberating.—*Syrus.*

The opportunity of a lifetime is seldom so labelled.

There is a critical minute for all things.—*Horace.*

The statue lies hid in the block of marble.—*Addison.*

The strong man and the waterfall channel their own path.

The wise make tools of whatever comes to hand.

You can do more than strike while the iron is hot; you can make the iron hot by striking.—*Colton.*

OPPRESSION

Oppression causeth rebellion.

ORATORY

An orator is a virtuous man skilled in the art of speaking well.—*Cato.*

An orator without judgment is a horse without a bridle.—*Theophrastus.*

He is a good orator who convinces himself.

ORDER

Let all things be done decently and in order.—*I Corinthians* 14: 40.

Order is Heaven's first law.—*Pope.*

Working without a plan is sailing without a compass.

Working without method, like the pig's tail, goes all day and does nothing.

ORPHANS

O teach the orphan boy to read,
Or the orphan girl to sew.

ORTHODOXY

Orthodoxy is my doxy, heterodoxy is another man's doxy.—*Bishop Warburton.*

OTHERS

Men in society, notwithstanding the diversity of their fortunes, depend the one upon the other.—*French.*

Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—*Matthew* 7: 12.

OUTCASTS

It is a kingly act to help the fallen.—*Ovid.*

PAIN

An hour of pain is as long as a day of pleasure.

Great pains cause us to forget the small ones.—*German.*

He preaches patience that never knew pain.

Pains are the wages of ill pleasures.

The path of pain leads to Paradise.—*German.*

There is no pain so great that time will not soften.—*German.*

PARADISE

For the pious, Paradise exists everywhere.—*Beaconsfield.*

PARDON

Ask pardon for all wrong.

But they ne'er pardon who have done the wrong.

He that sharply chides is the most ready to pardon.

He who will not pardon others must not himself expect pardon.—*Seneca.*

If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.—*Matthew* 6: 15.

It is for those who have done an injury to beg pardon.—*Cato the Younger.*

Pardoning the bad is injuring the good.

The very best men stand in need of pardon.

PARENTS

A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof getteth prudence.—*Proverbs* 15:5.

Children have more need of models than of critics.—*Jos. Joubert.*

Honour thy father and thy mother.—*Exodus* 20:12.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.—*Proverbs* 1:8.

Respect the counsel of your parents.

The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.—*Proverbs* 30:17.

PARTNERS

When two partners are of one mind, clay is into gold refined.—*Chinese.*

PASSIONS

Govern your passions, otherwise they will govern you.—*Horace.*

He alone is happy who commands his passions.—*Horace.*

Hence one master-passion in the breast,
Like Aaron's serpent swallows up the rest.
—*Pope.*

He's a wise man that leads passion by the bridle.

He that overcomes his passions, overcomes his greatest enemies.

He that shows a passion tells his enemy where he may hit him.

He whom passion rules is bent to meet his death.—*Plautus.*

No man can guess in cold blood what he may do in a passion.

Nothing is well said or done in a passion.

Passions are winds to urge us o'er the wave,
Reason the rudder to direct or save.

Regulate thy own passions and bear those of others.

The end of passion is the beginning of repentance.

The passions are like fire and water, good servants but bad masters.

The ruling passion, be it what it will,
The ruling passion conquers reason still.
—*Pope.*

The ruling passion strong in death.

When passion entereth at the foregate, wisdom goeth out at the postern.

Where passion is high, there reason is low.

PATCHES

The best patch is off the same cloth.—*Spanish.*

PATIENCE

Abused patience turns to fury.

All commend patience, but none can endure to suffer.

At the bottom of patience is Heaven.—*Bornou.*

Bear and blame not what you cannot change.—*Syms.*

Bear and forbear.—*Ovid.*

Bear patiently what thou sufferest by thine own fault.—*Dutch.*

Bear the best humbly and the worst resigned.—*Homer.*

Be patient toward all men.—*1 Thessalonians* 5 : 14.

Better suffer wrong than do wrong.

Beware of the fury of a patient man.—*Dryden.*

Bide your time.

Biding makes thriving.—*Dutch.*

Everything comes in time to him that can wait.—*French.*

Everything which is out of our power to amend becomes more supportable by patience.—*Horace.*

Good things require time.—*Dutch.*

He that can be patient finds his foe at his feet.—*Dutch.*

He who endures with patience is a conqueror.—*Latin.*

None patient but the wise.

No patience, no true wisdom.

Patience and application will carry us through.

Patience and time accomplish more than force and violence.—*La Fontaine.*

Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius.—*Beaconsfield.*

Patience is good preaching.—*German.*

Patience is so like fortitude, that she seems either her sister or her daughter.—*Aristotle.*

Patience is sorrow's salve.—*Churchill.*

Patience is the best buckler against affronts.

Patience is the door of joy.—*German.*

Patience is the key of Paradise.—*Persian.*

Patience, time, and money overcome everything.—*Italian.*

The future belongs to him who knows how to wait.—*Russian.*

There is a limit when forbearance ceases to be a virtue.—*Burke.*

There is no greater misfortune than not to be able to bear misfortune.—*Latin.*

To bear is to conquer our fate.—*Campbell.*

To know how to wait is the great secret of success.—*De Maistre.*

What cannot be cured
Must be endured.
—*Latin.*

Whosoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.—*Matthew* 5 : 39.

You must bear that which hurts that you may gain that which profits.—*Syrus.*

PATRIOTISM

Death never comes too soon, if necessary in defense of the liberties of our country.—*Story.*

He serves his party best who serves his country best.—*Rutherford B. Hayes.*

I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country.—*Nathan Hale.*

I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.—*Geo. Washington.*

Patriotism calls for the faithful and conscientious performance of all the duties of citizenship in small matters as well as great, at home as well as upon the tented field.— *W. J. Bryan.*

Respect for authority is the foundation of good citizenship.

The noblest motive is the public good.—*Virgil.*

The safety of our Republic is to be found in the intelligence and patriotism of the common people.—*R. C. Barrett.*

The Union—it must and shall be preserved.—*Andrew Jackson.*

United we stand, divided we fall.—*Dickinson and Lee.*

We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately.—*Franklin.*

Where the heart is right there is true patriotism.—*Berkeley.*

PAY

A good paymaster never wants workmen.

If you would have your work ill done pay beforehand.—*Italian.*

Punctual pay gets willing loan.

Soon paid is well paid.—*German.*

PEACE

Better keep peace than make peace.—*Dutch.*

Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.—*Proverbs* 17 : 1.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.—*Matthew* 5 : 9.

Blessed is the peacemaker, not the conqueror.

From prudence peace, from peace abundance.—*Italian.*

Happy he who can live in peace.—*French.*

He only truly lives who lives in peace.

If you desire peace be ever prepared for war.—*Latin.*

In peace prepare for war.

It is better to dwell in a corner of the house top, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.—*Proverbs* 21 : 9.

No occupation implants so speedy and so effective a love of peace as a country life.—*Plutarch.*

Peace feeds, war wastes; peace breeds, war consumes.—*Danish.*

Peace flourishes when reason rules.

Peace has her victories no less renowned than war.—*Milton.*

Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful.—*Schiller.*

Peace with a cudgel in hand is war.—*Portuguese.*

See, listen, and be silent, and you will live in peace.—*Italian.*

Who loves peace serves God.—*German.*

PERSEVERANCE

After a bad harvest sow again.—*Latin.*

Attempt not or accomplish.—*Latin.*

Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.—*Johnson.*

He that stays in the valley will never get over the hill.

If you can't fly, crawl.

If you can't get it in bushels take it in spoonfuls.—*German.*

It is for want of application rather than of means that men fail of success.—*Rochefoucauld.*

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor, and to wait.
—*Longfellow.*

Like a postage stamp, a man's value depends on his ability to stick to a thing till he gets there.—*Joseph Chamberlain.*

Nine-storied terraces rise by a gradual accumulation of bricks.—*Chinese.*

No tree falls at the first stroke.—*German.*

Paris was not built in a day.—*French.*

Perseverance brings success.—*Dutch.*

Step after step the ladder is ascended.

Step by step one goes far.—*Italian, Portuguese, Dutch.*

The race is got by running.

There is nothing difficult in the world; the only fear is that men will lack perseverance.—*Confucius.*

The repeated stroke will fell the oak.—*German.*

'Tis hard to swim against the stream.

'Tis perseverance that prevails.

Through difficulties to the stars.—*Motto of the State of Kansas.*

Troy was not taken in a day.—*Greek.*

Whatever has been attained is attainable.—*Sir Wm. Jones.*

When you have set yourself a task finish it.—*Ovid.*

Where you cannot climb over you must creep under.

Who does not tire achieves.—*Spanish.*

Who faints not achieves.

With perseverance one surmounts all difficulties.—*Greek.*

PERPLEXITY

It is a hard nut to crack.

PERSUASION

Persuasion is better than force.

The persuasion of the fortunate sways the doubtful.

PHILOSOPHY

A little philosophy inclineth a man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.—*Bacon.*

Many a philosopher is little honored till the future proves his inspiration.—*Beaconsfield.*

Philosophy teaches a knowledge of the truth of things.—*Hegel.*

PESSIMISTS

A pensive soul feeds upon nothing but bitters.

Say no ill of the year till it is past.

PICTURES

A picture is a silent poem, and a poem a speaking picture.—*Simonides.*

A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts.—*Sir Joshua Reynolds.*

PITY

Fair words don't fill the pockets.

Good words and no deeds are rushes and reeds

Pity and need make all flesh kin.

Pity cureth envy.

Pity is akin to love.

Pity melts the mind to love.—*Dryden.*

'Twixt the word and the deed there's a long step.—*French.*

Wherever we meet misery we owe pity.

Words are but sands;
'Tis money buys lands.

Words are good when works follow.—*German.*

Words don't fill the belly.—*Portuguese.*

PLAYING

It is well to leave off playing when the game is at the best.—*French.*

Play not with a man until you hurt him, nor jest till you shame him.

PLEASING

He is not yet born who can please everybody.—*Danish.*

He labors in vain who tries to please everybody.—*Latin.*

He that would please all and himself too,
Undertakes what he cannot do.

PLEASURE

A man of pleasure is a man of pains.—*Young.*

Fly the pleasure that will bite to-morrow.

Of sinful pleasure only repentance remains.

Short pleasure often brings long repentance.—*Danish.*

The reward of unlawful pleasure is lawful pain.

PLOUGHING

Plough deep and you will have plenty of corn.—*Spanish.*

Plough deep while sluggards sleep,
And you will have corn to sell and keep.

POETS

Poets are born, but orators are made.

POLICY

He knows which side of his bread is buttered.

Policy may be virtuous as well as vicious.

POLITENESS

As charity covers a multitude of sins before God, so does politeness before man.—*Greville.*

Be polite to everybody.

Be as polite to your parents, brothers and sisters as you are to strangers.

Nothing was ever lost by politeness.

Politeness consists in due regard for the rights and feelings of others.

Politeness is benevolence in small things.—*Macaulay.*

Politeness is to do and say,
The kindest thing in the kindest way.

Politeness goes far, yet costs nothing.—*Smiles.*

Politeness should begin at home.

The truest politeness comes from sincerity.—*Smiles.*

To be truly polite remember you must be polite at all times and under all circumstances.

True politeness consists in treating others just as you love to be treated yourself.—*Chesterfield.*

True politeness is kindness of heart.

Truly polite is always polite.

POLITICS

An ill man in office is a mischief to the public.

Not parties but principles.

Office tests the man.—*Latin.*

Party is organized opinion.—*Beaconsfield.*

No man's vote is lost which is cast for the right.—*J. Q. Adams.*

Public office is a public trust, created only for the common benefit. —*D. B. Eaton.*

They that buy an office must sell something.

Who fills an office must learn to bear reproach and blame.—*German.*

Work and vote as you talk and pray.

POSSESSION

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Possession is nine points of the law.

Prospect is often better than possession.

Rather possess a freehold though but a cottage than live in a palace belonging to another.

POVERTY

A light purse is a heavy curse.

A light purse makes a heavy heart.

A man may live upon little but he cannot live upon nothing.

A poor man has no friends.—*Ashantees (Africa).*

A poor man is all schemes.—*Spanish.*

Be considerate toward the poor.

Better a bare foot than none at all.

Better a blind horse than an empty halter.—*Dutch.*

Better a little in peace with right than much with anxiety and strife.—*Danish.*

Better an empty purse than an empty head.—*German.*

Better a salt herring on your own table than a fresh pike on another's.—*Danish.*

Better be poor than wicked.

Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery.

Better poor with honor than rich with shame.—*Dutch.*

Better something than nothing at all.—*German.*

Every man is not born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

Every poor man is counted a fool.

God help the poor, the rich help themselves.—*German.*

Hard is the path from poverty to renown.—*Latin.*

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord.—*Proverbs* 19: 17.

He who has nothing fears nothing.—*French.*

If poor, act with caution.

It is a miserable sight to see a poor man proud and a rich man avaricious.—*Italian.*

It is hard to find one who bears poverty with a noble spirit.—*Aristides.*

It is more easy to praise poverty than to bear it.—*Italian.*

Kin or no kin, woe to him who has nothing.—*Italian.*

No great work worthy of praise or memory but came out of a poor cradle.—*Dr. Johnson.*

None have all and none have nothing.

No one so hard upon the poor as the pauper who has got into power.—*Danish.*

Poor men's money and cowards' weapons are often flourished.—*Italian.*

Poor men's tables are soon spread.

Poor men's words have little weight.—*Greek.*

Poverty and age suit very ill together.—*Burke.*

Poverty and love are hard to hide.

Poverty breeds strife.

Poverty craves many things, but avarice more.—*Italian.*

Poverty is no crime.

Poverty is no sin, but it is terribly inconvenient.

Poverty is not dishonorable in itself, but only when it is the effect of idleness, intemperance, prodigality and folly.—*Plutarch.*

Poverty is the daughter of laziness.—*German.*

Poverty is the mother of all arts.—*Italian.*

Poverty is the mother of health.

Poverty is the reward of idleness.—*Dutch.*

Poverty makes a man acquainted with strange bedfellows.

Poverty shows us who are our friends and who are our enemies.—*Latin.*

Poverty trieth friends.

Shame of poverty is almost as bad as pride of wealth.

The cottage is a palace to the poor.—*French.*

The dainties of the great are the tears of the poor.

The poor are rich when they are satisfied.—*German.*

The poor man seeks for food, the rich man for appetite.—*Danish.*

The poor man's honor is worth more than the rich man's gold.—*German.*

The poor man's penny unjustly obtained is a coal of fire in the rich man's purse.

The poor man wants much, the miser everything.

The poor must dance as the rich pipe.—*German.*

The poor trying to imitate the powerful perish.—*Phædrus.*

The poor ye always have with you.—*John* 12:8.

The poverty of the poor shall be at an end when they shall learn to minister to the wants of each other.—*Cingalese.*

Their rise is one of difficulty whose minds are impeded by poverty. —*Latin.*

There is God's poor, and the devil's poor; the first from Providence, the other from vice.

The traveler with empty pockets may laugh in the bandit's face.—*Juvenal.*

The worst kind of shame is being ashamed of frugality or poverty. —*Livy.*

The worst part of poverty is to bear it impatiently.

Though poverty bring sorrow, riches create inquietude.

'Tis well with him to whom God has given what is necessary with a sparing hand.—*Horace.*

When poor, liberal; when rich, penurious.—*Spanish.*

When you eat think of the poor.—*Cingalese.*

Who doth sing so merry a note
As he who cannot change a groat?

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry, but shall not be heard.—*Proverbs* 21 : 13.

Withhold not the wages of the poor.

Wrinkled purses make wrinkled faces.

POWER

He is most powerful who governs himself.—*Seneca.*

Power can achieve more by gentle means than by violence.

The love of power is an instinct of the human heart.—*Tacitus.*

The love of power is natural, insatiable and never cloyed by possession.—*Bolingbroke.*

PRACTICE

Dexterity comes by experience.

Practice makes perfect.—*German, Spanish.*

Practice makes the master.

Practice not your art
And 'twill soon depart.
—*German.*

Practice what you preach.

The fencer's sword must keep to its task,
And the singer's voice no rest must ask.
—*Chinese.*

PRAISE

A man finds no sweeter voice in the world than that which chants his praises.—*Fontenelle.*

An honest man is hurt by praise unjustly bestowed.—*French.*

A puff of wind and popular praise weigh alike.

Be not the trumpeter of your own praise.—*Greek.*

Every man likes his own praise best.—*Danish.*

Good things should be praised.—*Shakespeare.*

He that praiseth publicly will slander privately.

It is safer to commend the dead than the living.

Let another man praise thee and not thine own mouth.—*Proverbs 27 : 2.*

Praise is often more hurtful than censure.—*J. P. Richter.*

Praise paves the way to friendship.—*Danish.*

Praises are a spur to virtue, but flatteries are a subtle poison.—*Petrarch.*

Praise to the face is open disgrace.

Praise undeserved is scandal in disguise.

Self-praise is half slander.

Self-praise is odious.

The public is more disposed to censure than to praise.—*Addison.*

The sweetest of all sounds is praise.—*Xenophon.*

The virtues of the young are increased by praise.—*Theophrastus.*

They that value not praise will never do anything worthy of it.

To be commended by those who might blame without fear gives great pleasure.—*Agesilaus.*

PRAYING

Affliction teaches a wicked man to pray, prosperity never.—*Ben Jonson.*

Ardent prayer opens heaven.—*Young.*

Call now on God while He will list to thee.

God helps the sailor but he must row.

God is always at leisure to do good to those that ask it.

Heaven would often be unjust if it answered our prayers.

He prayeth well who loveth well,
Both man and bird and beast;
He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small.
—*Coleridge.*

Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. —*M. Henry.*

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.—*Tennyson.*

None can pray well but he that lives well.

Our thoughts are heard in heaven.

Pray devoutly,
And hammer stoutly.

Words without thoughts never to heaven go.—*Shakespeare.*

Prayer is the voice of faith.

Prayers move the hand that moves the universe.

Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.
—*Cowper.*

PREACHING

A minister's life should be a signboard pointing the way to heaven.

Bad priests bring the devil into the church.

Good preachers give fruits and not flowers.—*Italian.*

He is a good preacher who follows his own preaching.—*German.*

He who lives well is the best preacher.—*Cervantes.*

If you would lift me you must be on higher ground.—*Emerson.*

It is bad preaching to deaf ears.—*German.*

Like priest, like people.

Preachers can talk but never teach
Unless they practice what they preach.

The belly hates a long sermon.

The priest does more than the physician.—*German.*

PRECEDENT

A precedent embalms a principle.—*Beaconsfield.*

To follow foolish precedents and to wink with both our eyes, is easier than to think.—*Giles' proverbs.*

PRECIOUS THINGS

Precious things are mostly in small compass.—*Dutch.*

PRECOCITY

A man at five may be a fool at fifteen.

Early ripe, early rotten.

He dies before he is old who is wise before his day.—*Latin.*

What ripens fast does not last.

PREJUDICE

Men are blind i' their ain cause.—*Scotch.*

PREVENTION

Prevention is better than cure.—*Coke.*

PRIDE

A clown enriched knows neither relation nor friend.—*French.*

A little dog, a cow without horns, and a short man are generally proud.

A man may have a just esteem of himself without being proud.

A proud man is always a foolish man.

A proud mind and a poor purse are ill met.

A proud woman brings distress on her family.—*Cingalese.*

Because you flourish in worldly affairs,
Don't be haughty and put on airs.

—*Saxe.*

Decency and decorum are not pride.

Every little fish would become a whale.—*Danish.*

God is the enemy of the proud.—*Turkish.*

God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble.—*1 Peter* 5:5.

He who is puffed up with the first gale of prosperity will bend beneath the first blast of adversity.

It is not a sign of humility to declaim against pride.

It is pride, not nature, that craves much.

Neediness conquers pride.

None so despicable as those who despise others.—*Fielding.*

Pride and grace
Ne'er dwell in one place.
—*Scotch.*

Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, or cold.

Pride goes hated, cursed and abominated by all.—*Hammond.*

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. —*Proverbs* 16:18.

Pride increaseth our enemies, and putteth our friends to flight.

Pride in prosperity turns to misery in adversity.

Pride is as loud a beggar as want, and a great deal more saucy.

Pride is the sworn enemy of content.

Pride loves no man and is beloved by no man.

Pride may lurk under a threadbare coat.

Pride must have a fall.—*Shakespeare.*

Pride often borrows the cloak of humility.

Pride the never failing vice of fools.—*Pope.*

Pride triumphant rears her head,
A little while and all her power is fled.
—*Goldsmith.*

Proud as a peacock, all strut and show.

Proud looks lose hearts, but courteous words win them.

Proud men have few friends.

There is no pride like that of a beggar grown rich.—*French.*

The best manners are stained by the addition of pride.

The highest tree hath the greatest fall.

The nobler the blood the less the pride.—*Danish.*

PRINTERS

Follow the copy though it fly out of the window.—*Printer's Maxim.*

PROGRESS

He who does not advance recedes.—*Latin.*

PROMISES

A fair promise makes a fool merry.

A man apt to promise is apt to forget.

A promise is a debt.—*German, Italian.*

Be slow to make a promise but swift to keep it.

Better break your word than do worse in keeping it.

Between said and done
A long race may be run.
—*Cervantes.*

Don't promise what you cannot perform.—*Turkish.*

Expect little from him who is rich in promises.

First think, and if thy thoughts approve thy will,
Then speak, and after, what thou speak'st fulfill.
—*Randolph.*

He loses his thanks who promises and delays.

He who is slow in promising is surest to keep his word.—*Rousseau.*

His promises are lighter than the breath that utters them.

In the land of promise a man may die of hunger.—*Dutch.*

Lavish promises lessen credit.—*Horace.*

No greater promisers than those who have nothing to give.—*Dutch.*

Nothing weighs lighter than a promise.—*German.*

Promise little and do much.

Promises and undressed cloth are apt to shrink.—*Danish.*

Promises are for fools.

Promises don't fill the belly.—*German.*

Promises fill no sack.—*German.*

Promises may get friends, but 'tis performance that keeps them.

Promises must not fill the place of gifts.—*Latin.*

Promising and performing are two things.—*French, Dutch.*

Promising is not giving but serves to content fools.—*Portuguese.*

Talking is easier than doing, and promising than performing.—*German.*

There is no piety in keeping an unjust promise.

There is no virtue in a promise unless it be kept.—*Danish.*

Who makes no promises has none to perform.—*German.*

PROMPTNESS

He that comes first may sit where he will.

PROPHETS

A prophet is not without honor save in his own country, and in his own house.—*Matthew* 13: 57.

No man is a prophet in his own country.

PROSPERITY

For one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—*Carlyle.*

He who swells in prosperity will shrink in adversity.

If Adversity hath killed his thousands, Prosperity hath killed his ten thousands.—*Burton.*

In time of affliction a vow, in time of prosperity an inundation of wickedness.

It is no easy matter to bear prosperity decently.

Let the wretched hope and the prosperous be on their guard.—*Latin.*

Prosperity and vanity are often lodged together.

Prosperity destroys fools and endangers the wise.

Prosperity discovers vices and adversity virtues.

Prosperity engenders sloth.—*Livy.*

Prosperity gains friends, and adversity tries them.—*Pacuvius.*

Prosperity is a stronger trial of virtue than adversity.—*Rochefoucauld.*

Prosperity is the worst enemy men usually have.

Prosperity tries the human heart with the deepest probe and brings forth the hidden character.—*Tacitus.*

Prosperity's right hand is industry and her left hand is frugality.

Prosperous men forget God.

Prosperous men seldom mend their faults.

The prosperity of fools shall destroy them.—*Proverbs* 1 : 32.

The prosperous man cannot easily form a right idea of misery.—*Quintillian.*

The prosperous man does not know whether he is loved.—*Lucan.*

PROVERBS

A frequent review of proverbs should enter into our reading.—*Disraeli.*

A proverb is condensed popular wisdom.—*Carl Seelbach.*

A proverb is much light condensed in one flash.—*Simmons.*

A proverb is the wisdom of years crystallized in the wit of a moment.

A proverb is the wit of one and the wisdom of many.—*Lord Russell.*

A wise man who knows proverbs reconciles difficulties.—*Yoruba.*

All the good sense of the world runs into proverbs.

Despise not the discoveries of the wise, but acquaint thyself with their Proverbs, for of them thou shalt learn instruction.—*Apocrypha.*

Proverbs are the children of experience.

Proverbs are the echoes of experience.—*L' Abbe de St. Pierre.*

Proverbs are the jewels of the multitude.—*Popular Encyclopædia.*

Proverbs are the wisdom of the ages.—*German.*

Proverbs are short sentences drawn from long experience.—*Cervantes.*

Solomon made a book of proverbs, but a book of proverbs never made a Solomon.

The wisdom of nations lies in their proverbs, which are brief and pithy.—*Wm. Penn.*

To make a good proverb, you must condense
Into small compass both wit and sense.

PROVIDENCE

Man proposes and God disposes.—*French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Dutch.*

Providence alone can extricate us out of the labyrinths we often fall into.—*Turkish Spy.*

Providence assists not the idle.—*Latin.*

Providence knows better what we require than we do ourselves.—*La Fontaine.*

Providence is supremely wise, alike in what it gives and what denies.

Providence will sooner or later procure the felicity of the virtuous and innocent.—*Fielding.*

The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.

There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will.—*Shakespeare.*

What Heaven ordains the wise with courage bears.—*Homer.*

When one door shuts another opens.—*Spanish.*

PROVING

He that proves too much proves nothing.—*Latin.*

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.—*1 Thessalonians* 5:21.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating.—*Dutch.*

PRUDENCE

Abandon not your old clothes till you get your new.—*Gaelic.*

A good "take heed" will surely speed.

A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft.

All things belong to the prudent.

Be on the safe side.

Colts by falling and lads by losing grow prudent.—*Spanish.*

Do not ship all in one bottom.—*German.*

Do not wade where you see no bottom.—*Danish.*

It is always good to have two strings to your bow.—*Italian.*

Prudence is the parent of success.

Put by for a rainy day.

The most prudent yields to the strongest.—*Italian.*

The prudent still have fortune on their side.—*Spectator.*

There are more ways to kill a dog than hanging.

To kill two birds with one stone.—*Portuguese, Dutch.*

PRYING

Who is always prying has a dangerous life.—*Spanish.*

PUNCTUALITY

Always be punctual at the time appointed.

Better be an hour too early than a minute too late.

Better late than never, but better still, never late.

Punctuality is the soul of business.

We should be punctual in performing every duty.

PUNISHMENT

Birchen twigs break no ribs.

It is cruelty to the innocent not to punish the guilty.—*Syrus.*

Let them who have deserved their punishment bear it patiently.—*Ovid.*

It is seldom that punishment though lame of foot has failed to overtake a villain.—*Horace.*

Man punishes the action, but God the intention.

Many without punishment, none without sin.

Punishment comes slowly, but it comes.—*German.*

The worst punishment of all is that in the court of his own conscience, no guilty man is acquitted.—*Juvenal.*

When men of talents are punished, authority is strengthened.—*Tacitus.*

Who punishes one threatens a hundred.—*French.*

PURITY

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.—*Matthew* 5:8.

From a pure source pure water comes.—*Latin.*

His heart can not be pure whose tongue is not clean.

I have a poor opinion of a man who talks to men what women should not hear.—*Richardson.*

Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth.—*Ephesians* 4:29.

Muddy springs will have muddy streams.

To the pure all things are pure.—*Titus* 1:15.

PURSUITS

Trifling pursuits true wisdom casts away.—*Horace.*

QUARRELS

A good swordsman is never quarrelsome.—*French.*

A little explained, a little endured,
A little forgiven, the quarrel is cured.

An old quarrel is easily renewed.—*Italian.*

A quarrelsome disposition makes few friends.

Be at peace one with another.—*Mark* 9: 50.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.—*Psalms* 133: 1.

Better be convinced by words than blows.—*Danish.*

Happy is the man who keeps out of strife.—*Latin.*

He that parts the fray goeth away with the blows.—*Massinger.*

He who can not hold his peace will never live at ease.

He who interferes with the quarrels of relations must pass through life without a friend.—*Maga.*

If it is possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.—*Romans* 12: 18.

In all contentions put a bridle on your tongue.

In a quarrel be the first to conciliate.

It takes two to have a quarrel,
But only one to start it.

Keep aloof from all quarrels.

No foolery like falling out.

Quarrels are easily begun, but with difficulty ended.

Quarrels require two; both are generally to blame.

Quarrels seldom last long, with wrong all on one side.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Scorn the last word in a quarrel; secure the first after it.

Swift to attack, swift to run away.

The greatest quarrels do not always rise from deepest injuries.—*Terence.*

Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just.—*Shakespeare.*

They who in quarrels interpose
Must often wipe a bloody nose.
—*John Gay.*

Wake not a sleeping dog.—*French, Italian, German, Dutch.*

When neighbors quarrel, lookers on are more apt to add fuel than water.—*Danish.*

When one hits you with a stone, hit him with a piece of cotton.—*Turkish.*

When one will not, two cannot quarrel.—*Spanish.*

QUESTIONS

A fool can ask more questions than seven wise men can answer.—*Italian.*

Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no fibs.—*Goldsmith.*

He that nothing questioneth nothing learneth.

Never answer a question until it is asked.

No question is settled until it is settled right.—*New York Freeman's Journal.*

'Tis not every question that deserves an answer.

To a man full of questions make no answer at all.—*Plato.*

To question a wise man is the beginning of wisdom.—*German.*

QUIET

The highest degree of earthly happiness is quiet.—*Dr. Johnson.*

RAIN

A heavy shower is soon over.—*Italian.*

After rain comes sunshine.—*French, German, Dutch.*

A little rain stills a great wind.—*French.*

It is pleasant to look on the rain when one stands dry.—*Dutch.*

Much rain wears the marble.—*Shakespeare.*

One already wet does not fear the rain.—*Turkish.*

Small rain lays great dust.

The more violent the storm the sooner it is over.—*Seneca.*

RAINBOWS

The rainbow at night is the sailor's delight.

The rainbow in the morning gives the sailor warning.

RASHNESS

Always count the cost.

A rash man provokes trouble, but when the trouble comes is no match for it.—*Chinese.*

Don't reckon without your host.—*German.*

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.—*Pope.*

He that runs in the night stumbles.

It is best not to be rash.—*Walter Scott.*

Over-daring is as great a vice as over-fearing.—*Ben Jonson.*

Rashness brings success to few, misfortune to many.—*Phædrus.*

Rashness is not valor.

Reckon not your chickens before they are hatched.

RASPS

You must use the rasp before you turn to the sand-paper.

RATS

Rats desert a sinking ship.

READING

By reading a man antedates his life and makes himself contemporary with ages past.—*Collier.*

He that can read and meditate will not find his evenings long or life tedious.

Read and you will know.—*Mother of Sir William Jones.*

Reading maketh a full man, conversation a ready man, and writing an exact man.—*Bacon.*

REAPING

Better reap two days too soon than one too late.—*Dutch.*

REASON

He that cannot reason is a fool.

If you do not hear Reason she will rap your knuckles.—*Franklin.*

Neither great poverty nor great riches will hear reason.

On life's vast ocean diversely we sail,
Reason the card, but passion is the gale.
—*Pope.*

Reason serves when pressed, but honest instinct comes a volunteer. —*Pope.*

Swift instinct leaps, slow reason feebly climbs.—*Young.*

There are subjects upon which we cannot reason, we can only feel. —*Maga.*

'Tis in vain to speak reason where it will not be heard.

Two principles in human nature reign,
Self-love to urge and reason to restrain.

REBUKE

Rebuke with soft words and hard arguments.

Open rebuke is better than secret hatred.

Rebuke ought not to have a grain more of salt than of sugar.

REFORMS

Fire and faggots are but sad reformers.

It is easier to bear what's amiss than go about to reform it.

Reforms are generally most unpopular where most needed.—*Martin's History of India.*

REFUSING

A prompt refusal has in part the grace of a favor granted.—*Latin.*

To refuse graciously is half to grant a favor.—*Syrus.*

REGRETS

We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.

RELATIVES

A man canna bear a' his ain kin on his back.—*Scotch.*

Go not every evening to your brother's house.

Go to your aunt's house but not every day.—*Spanish.*

He who abandons his poor kindred God forsakes him.

Let us have florins and we shall find cousins.—*Italian.*

Much kindred, much trouble.—*French.*

My teeth are nearer than my kindred.—*Spanish.*

With a relation eat and drink, but transact no business with him.—*Greek.*

RELIGION

All criminals turn preachers when they are under the gallows.—*Italian, Dutch.*

All things of this world are nothing unless they have reference to the next.—*Spanish.*

All things that are good and beautiful make us more religious.—*Beaconsfield.*

A man should be religious but not superstitious.—*Latin.*

A man without religion is a horse without a bridle.—*Latin.*

Each one holds his own religion for the best.—*German.*

Good works will never save you, but you cannot be saved without them.

He who has no respect for religion can have no true respect for himself.

He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.—*Tillotson.*

If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?—*Franklin.*

If religion were a dream,
It were still a dream worth dreaming.

If we make religion our business, God will make it our blessedness.—*John Adams.*

It is easy enough to get religion, but holding on to it is what bothers a fellow.—*Josh Billings.*

It matters not what religion an ill man is of.

Men will wrangle for religion;
Write for it;
Fight for it;
Die for it;
Anything but—live for it.

—*Colton.*

Much religion but no goodness.

Piety is the only proper and adequate relief of decaying man.—*Rambler.*

Religion is not an end, but a means.—*Goethe.*

Religion is the best armor but the worst cloak.

Religion lays not an icy hand on the true joys of life.—*Buckminster.*

Religion is the spice which is meant to keep life from corruption.—*Bacon.*

Religion lies more in walk than in talk.

Religion purifies and strengthens the mind.

Religion should be the rule of life, not a casual incident to it.—*Beaconsfield.*

Religion was never designed to make our pleasures less.

Religious contention is the devil's harvest.—*French.*

The best surgeon is he of the soul.

The best thing in the world is to live above it.

The groves were God's first temples.—*Bryant.*

The strength of empire is in religion.—*Ben Jonson.*

There never was and never will be a country without a religion.—*Byron.*

The truest temples are fixed in the heart.—*Tacitus.*

True piety elevates the spirit, ennobles the heart and strengthens the courage.

REMEDIES

Divine Providence always places the remedy by the side of the evil.—*French.*

How readily do men at ease prescribe to those who're sick at heart. —*Terence.*

No one tries extreme remedies at first.—*Seneca.*

The remedy is worse than the disease.—*Scotch.*

The remedy of to-morrow is too late for the evil of to-day.—*Spanish.*

There is a remedy for everything could men find it.

There is a remedy for everything except death.—*French, Spanish, Dutch, Danish.*

Where remedies are needed, sighing avails not.—*Italian.*

REMORSE

Remorse is the echo of a lost virtue.—*Bulwer.*

REPAIRS

He that repairs not a part builds all.

He who does not repair a gutter has a whole house to repair.—*Spanish.*

REPENTANCE

A noble mind disdains not to repent.—*Homer.*

Do as little as you can to repent of.

Late repentance is seldom worth much.—*Danish.*

He who seeks repentance for the past
Should woo the angel virtue in the future.
—*Bulwer.*

Repentance drives from the soul the elements of its corruption.

Take nothing in hand that may bring repentance.—*Dutch.*

That may be soon done which brings long repentance.—*Danish.*

'Tis never too late to repent.

True repentance is to cease from sin.

REPROACH

The sting of a reproach is the truth of it.

REPROOF

A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.—*Proverbs* 17:10.

A smart reproof is better than smooth deceit.

He that harkeneth to reproof getteth understanding.—*Proverbs* 15:32.

Fear not the anger of the wise to raise,
Those can best bear reproof who merit praise.
—*Pope.*

It is better to reprove privately than to be angry secretly.

Reproof never does a wise man harm.

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee; rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.—*Proverbs* 9:8.

Reprove others but correct thyself.

Reprove thy friend privately, command him publicly.

Who reproves the lame must go upright.—*Danish.*

REPUBLICS

The voice of the people is the voice of God. (*Vox populi vox Dei.*)

REPUTATION

A good name is a rich inheritance.—*German.*

A good name is better than precious ointment.—*Ecclesiastes* 7:1.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.—*Proverbs* 22:1.

A good name lost is hard to regain.

A good name is sooner lost than won.

A good reputation is a fair estate.

A great reputation is a great charge.

A wounded reputation is seldom cured.

Beware of him who regards not his reputation.

Good name in man or woman
Is the immediate jewel of their soul.
—*Shakespeare.*

He that hath an ill name is half hanged.—*Italian, Spanish, Dutch.*

He that regardeth not his reputation despiseth virtue.

He who hath lost his reputation is a dead man among the living.—*Spanish.*

How difficult it is to save the bark of reputation from the rocks of ignorance.—*Petrarch.*

If you would build for your happiness a sure foundation,
Let the stone for the corner be a good reputation.

It takes a lifetime to build up a good reputation; it may be lost in a moment.

Let every man strive to add a good name to his other capital.

Never make your ear the grave of another's good name.

Make your mark, but mind what your mark is.

No ruins are so irreparable as those of reputation.

Our reputation for wisdom depends much on our success.—*Euripides.*

Reputation is commonly measured by the acre.

Reputation is often got without merit and lost without fault.

Reputation serves to virtue as light does to a picture.

Take away my good name, take away my life.

Tears on your pillow will never wash out stains on your character.

The first step to a good name is a good life, the next is good behavior.

The purest treasure mortal times afford
Is spotless reputation.
—*Shakespeare.*

There are two modes of establishing our reputation; to be praised by honest men, and to be abused by rogues.—*Colton.*

There is no reputation so clear but a slanderer may stain it.

Who steals my purse steals trash; . . .
But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed.
—*Shakespeare.*

RESOLUTION

A resolute man cares nothing about difficulties.—*Tamil.*

Bold resolution is the favorite of Providence.

Every task can be accomplished by a man of resolution.—*Chinese.*

In things that must be it is good to be resolute.

Set a stout heart to a steep hill-side.—*Scotch.*

RESPECT

Respect a man, he will do the more.

REST

A man rests all over when he lies down.—*Stonewall Jackson.*

Alternate rest and labor long endure.—*Ovid.*

Men tire themselves in pursuit of rest.—*Sterne.*

Rest is for the dead.—*Carlyle.*

Rest is good after the work is done.—*Danish.*

Rest is the sweet sauce of labor.—*Plutarch.*

Rest is won only by work.—*Turkish.*

The bow that is always bent slackens or breaks.—*Spanish.*

The fertile field becomes sterile without rest.—*Spanish.*

Too much rest itself becomes a pain.—*Homer.*

RETRIBUTION

As you make your bed so you must lie on it.

He falls into the pit who leads another into it.—*Spanish.*

He is caught in his own snare.—*Latin.*

Perfidy often recoils upon its author.—*La Fontaine.*

Those who sow injustice reap hate and vengeance.—*French.*

Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.—*Galatians* 6:7.

REVENGE

A good word for a bad one is worth much and costs little.—*Italian.*

An injury forgiven is better than an injury revenged.

Forbear resenting injuries.—*Franklin.*

He is above his enemies that despises their injuries.

He prepares evil for himself who plots mischief for others.—*Latin.*

He that returns good for evil obtains the victory.

He who will have a good revenge let him leave it to God.

He who would seek revenge must be on his guard.—*Danish.*

Him who hits you with a stone, hit with a wad of cotton.—*Persian.*

If you want to be revenged hold your tongue.—*Spanish.*

In taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy, but in passing it over he is superior.—*Bacon.*

It costs more to revenge injuries than to bear them.

It is but the weak and little mind that rejoices in revenge.—*Juvenal.*

Living well is the best revenge we can take on our enemies.

Men are more prone to revenge injuries than to requite kindnesses.

Neglect will sooner kill an injury than revenge.

Never revenge an injury.

Nothing so easy as revenge; nothing so grand as forgiveness.

Overcome evil with good.—*Romans* 12:21.

Render to no man evil for evil.—*Romans* 12:17.

Revenge at first though sweet,
Bitter ere long back on itself recoils.
—*Milton.*

Revenge converts a little right into a great wrong.—*German.*

Revenge in cold blood is the devil's own act and deed.

Revenge is an expensive luxury.

Revenge is new wrong.

Revenge remains not unrevenged.—*German.*

See that none render unto any one evil for evil.—*1 Thessalonians* 5:15.

Sweet is revenge,—especially to women.—*Byron.*

The best means of destroying an enemy is to make him your friend.

The noblest vengeance is to forgive.

The revenge of an idiot is without mercy.

To forget a wrong is the best revenge.

To revenge is no valor, but to bear.—*Shakespeare.*

Two wrongs do not make a right.

REVOLUTIONS

Conquered rebellion strengthens a government.—*Fielding.*

> I have seen some nations, like overloaded asses,
> Kick off their burdens, meaning the higher classes.
> —*Byron.*

RICHES

Abundance is the perverter of reason.—*Hitopadesa.*

Abundance begets indifference.

Abundance is trouble but competency brings delight.

Abundance like want ruins many.

A golden key opens every door save that of heaven.—*Danish.*

A great fortune in the hands of a fool is a great misfortune.

A great estate is not gotten in a few hours.—*French.*

A great fortune is a great slavery.

A heavy purse in a fool's pocket is a heavy curse.—*Cumberland.*

A little house well filled, a little land well tilled, and a little wife well willed are great riches.

All ask if a man be rich, none if he be good.—*Latin.*

All strive to give to the rich man.

A man of wealth is a slave to his possessions.—*Tamil.*

Among men some have their virtue concealed by wealth, and some their vices by poverty.—*Theganis.*

An ass is but an ass though laden with gold.

A rich man's foolish sayings pass for wise ones.—*Spanish.*

A rich man is either a rogue or a rogue's heir.—*Latin.*

A rich man is never ugly in the eyes of a girl.—*French.*

A rich man knows not his friends.—*German.*

A thief passes for a gentleman when stealing has made him rich.

At the door of the rich are many friends, at the door of the poor none.—*Hebrew.*

A wealthy man errs with impunity.—*Latin.*

Better a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. —*Proverbs* 16:8.

Better be a man than a millionaire.

Better have a head and heart than houses and lands.

Better rich in God than rich in gold.

Command your wealth, else that will command you.

Devotion and wealth are seldom united.—*German.*

Enough is great riches.—*Danish.*

Every advantage has its disadvantage.—*Latin.*

For one rich man that is content there are a hundred who are not.

Fortune often leads to folly.

> Fortunes of thousands and thousands ten,
> Cannot be made but by able men.
>
> —*Chinese.*

Give me neither poverty nor riches.—*Proverbs* 30:8.

God looks to pure hands, not full ones.—*Syrus.*

Gold and silver do not make men better.—*German.*

Gold rules the world.

Gold when present causeth fear, when absent grief.

Great minds and great fortunes don't always go together.

Great wealth and content seldom live together.

Great wealth, great care.—*Dutch.*

Great wealth makes us neither more wise nor more healthy.

He alone is rich who makes a proper use of his riches.—*Horace.*

He has riches enough who need neither borrow nor flatter.

He is not fit for riches who is afraid to use them.

He is not rich who is not satisfied.—*German.*

He is richest who is content with least, for content is the wealth of a nation.

He is rich that is satisfied.

He is truly rich who desires nothing and he is truly poor who covets all.—*Solon.*

He that is poor all his kindred scorn him; he that is rich all are kin to him.

He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.—*Proverbs* 28: 20.

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.—*Proverbs* 22: 16.

He who despises small things seldom grows rich.—*Danish.*

He who has gold has fear, who has none has sorrow.

He who hastens to be rich incurs peril.—*Chinese.*

If rich be not elated, if poor be not dejected.—*Socrates.*

Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay.
—*Goldsmith.*

It is better to be poor and well, than rich and ill.—*African.*

It is not well to have all we want.

Many would have been worse, if their estates had been better.

Moderate riches will carry you; if you have more, you must carry them.

Much on earth but little in heaven.

No good man ever becomes suddenly rich.—*Syrus.*

No man is so rich as to say, "I have enough."—*Latin.*

Once poor, my friend, still poor you must remain,
The rich alone have all the means of gain.
—*Martial.*

One man's wealth is often many men's ruin.—*Maga.*

One may support anything better than too much ease and prosperity.—*Italian.*

One may surfeit with too much as well as starve with too little.

Riches abuse them that know not how to use them.

Riches are abused
But never refused.
—*Danish.*

Riches and cares are inseparable.

Riches and virtue do not often keep each other company.

Riches are like muck which stinks in a heap but spread abroad makes the earth fruitful.

Riches cause arrogance, poverty meekness.—*German.*

Riches come better after poverty than poverty after riches.—*Chinese.*

Riches fall not always to the lot of the most deserving.—*Latin.*

Riches have their embarrassments.—*French.*

Riches have wings.

Riches serve a wise man but command a fool.

Riches take peace from the soul but rarely if ever confer it.—*Petrarch.*

Riches well got and well used are a blessing.

Rich in gold, rich in care.—*German.*

Rich men feel misfortunes that pass over poor men's heads.

Satan now is wiser than before,
And tempts by making rich, not making poor.
—*Pope.*

Soon rich, soon poor,—soon nothing.—*German.*

The abuse of riches is worse than the want of them.

The loss of wealth is loss of dirt,
All sages in all times assert,
The happiest man's without a shirt.
—*John Heywood.*

The poorest man in the world is he who has nothing but money.

There is no one so rich that he does not still want something.—*German.*

The rich are trustees under God for the poor.

The rich can only eat with one mouth.

The rich have many friends.—*Dutch.*

The rich man does not know who is his friend.

The richest man carries nothing away with him but his shroud.—*French.*

The richest man, whatever his lot,
Is he who's content with what he has got.
—*Dutch.*

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.—*Proverbs* 22:7.

The royal road to wealth is paved with industry and frugality.

The truest wealth is that of the understanding.

The upright never grow rich in a hurry.—*Danish.*

The ways to enrich are many and most of them foul for you.—*Terence.*

The wealth of the mind is the only true wealth.—*Greek.*

The whole world is the house of the rich and they may live in whatever apartment they please.—*Fielding.*

To become wealthy,
Makes us neither wise nor healthy.

To whom can riches give repute or trust,
Content, or pleasure, but the good and just?
—*Pope.*

Wealth acquired dishonestly will prove a curse.

Wealth and honors can never cure a wounded conscience.

Wealth breeds a pleurisy, ambition a fever, liberty a vertigo, and poverty is a dead palsy.—*Gaelic.*

Wealth is not his who gets it, but his who enjoys it.—*Italian.*

Wealth like an index reveals the character of men.—*Latin.*

Wealth maketh many friends.—*Proverbs* 19:4.

Wealth rarely brings happiness.

We heap up riches as if we should live always.—*French.*

Were it not for "if" and "but" we should all be rich forever.—*French.*

When wealthy, show thy wisdom not to be
To wealth a servant, but make wealth serve thee.
—*Denham.*

Who will become rich must have great care and little conscience. —*German.*

RIDICULE

A fear of becoming ridiculous is the best guide in life and will save one from all sorts of scrapes.—*Beaconsfield.*

Ridicule is the test of truth.

The dread of ridicule extinguishes originality in its birth.—*Maga.*

There is but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous.—*Napoleon.*

RIDING

A canter is a cure for every evil.—*Beaconsfield.*

Before you mount look at the girth.—*Dutch.*

Better ride, when saddles do lack,
On a pad than on a bare horse's back.

He rode sure indeed that never caught a fall.

He that can't ride a gentle horse must not attempt to break a mad colt.

When you ride a young colt see your saddle be well girt.

RIGHT

A man in the right with God on his side is the majority.—*Beecher.*

Be sure you're right, then go ahead.—*Davy Crockett.*

Better to limp upon the right way than to ride upon the wrong.

Between right and wrong never balance a moment.

For right is right, since God is God;
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

—*F. W. Faber.*

He'll never join the heavenly throng,
Who only does right from fear to do wrong.

I would rather be beaten in the right than succeed in the wrong. —*J. A. Garfield.*

I would rather be right than president.—*Clay.*

Many love to praise right and do wrong.—Danish.

No one is always right.

Nothing can be great which is not right.—*Rambler.*

Where force prevails right perishes.—*Spanish.*

Where might is right, right is not upright.—*German.*

Who does right is born of God.—*German.*

Who does right is born sufficiently noble.—*German.*

Who does the best his circumstance allows, does well, acts nobly; angels could do no more.—*Young.*

RISKS

It is better to risk than to delay overmuch.

It is necessary to risk something.—*Latin.*

Swift risks are often attended with precipitate falls.

RIVERS

The greatest rivers must run into the sea.—*German.*

ROADS

The beaten road is the safest.—*Coke.*

The nearer the inn, the longer the road.—*German.*

ROGUES

After a long experience of the world, I affirm before God, I never knew a rogue who was not unhappy.—*Junius.*

A rogue in grain is a rogue amain.

If you pity rogues you are no great friend of honest men.

If you save a rogue from the gallows he will rob you before night.

No rogue like the godly rogue.

Nobody calls himself rogue.

One rogue does not betray another.—*German.*

One rogue knows another.—*German.*

When rogues fall out, honest men come by their own.

ROSES

The rose is queen.—*German.*

> You may break, you may shatter the vase as you will,
> But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.
> —*Moore.*

ROVING

A rolling stone gathers no moss.—*French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch.*

ROWING

He looks one way and rows another.

He that's carried down the stream need not row.

It is good rowing with set sail.—*Dutch.*

RUDENESS

Rudeness will repel when courtesy would attract friends.

To rude words deaf ears.—*French.*

RULES

No rule (general) without an exception.

Submit to the rule you have yourself laid down.—*Latin.*

RUNNING

He runs heavily who is forced to run.—*Danish.*

He that runs fast will not run long.

RUSSIANS

Scratch a Russian and you'll find a Tartar.

RUST

Rust wastes more than use.—*French.*

SACKS

A sack is best tied before it is full.—*French.*

SADNESS

Sadness and gladness succeed each other.

SAFETY

The way to be safe is never to feel secure.

SAILING

He that will not sail till all dangers are over must not put to sea.

He that will not sail until he have a full, fair wind will lose many a voyage.

Hoist your sail when the wind is fair.

If thou sailest with a bad wind thou hadst need understand tacking.

It is good sailing (or steering) with wind and tide.—*Dutch.*

It is safest sailing within reach of the shore.

Sail while the wind blows; wind and tide wait for no man.—*Danish.*

Set your sail according to the wind.—*French.*

You cannot sail as you would but as the wind blows.—*Danish.*

You must shift your sail with the wind.—*Italian.*

SAINTS

All are not saints who go to church.—*Italian.*

SALVATION

Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—*John* 6:37.

SATIETY

Cherries are bitter to the glutted blackbird.—*German.*

Even honey occasions satiety.—*Greek.*

Satiety causes disgust; abundance begets indifference.—*German.*

SATIRE

Satires run faster than panegyrics.

SAUCE

You spoil a good dish with ill sauce.

SAVING

A farthing saved is twice earned.—*Italian.*

Better to say, "Here it is" than "There it was."

From saving comes having.

Get what you can and what you get hold,
'Tis the stone that will turn all your lead into gold.
—*(The Philosopher's Stone.)*

He that does not save pennies will never have pounds.—*Danish.*

He will always be a slave
Who knows not how to earn and save.

He who gets doth much, but he who keeps doth more.

He who saves in little things can be liberal in great ones.—*German.*

He who would save should begin with his mouth.—*Danish.*

If you would be wealthy, think of saving as well as of getting.—*Franklin.*

Lay up something for a rainy day.

No alchemy like saving.

Penny and penny laid up will be many.

Save money when you are young that you may have it when you are old.

Saving comes too late when you get to the bottom.—*Seneca.*

Saving is a greater art than gaining.—*German.*

Scatter with one hand, gather with two.

The secret of wealth lies in four letters S-A-V-E.

Who hath and will not spend,
May find riches in the end.

Who will not keep a penny,
Shall never have many.

SAYING AND DOING

Between saying and doing there is a long road.—*Spanish, Danish.*

Easier said than done.—*Chinese.*

Easy to say, hard to do.

It is better to do well than to say well.—*Italian.*

What every one says must be true.

No sooner said than done.

Say-well and do-well end with one letter,
Say-well is good, but do-well is better.

SCANDAL

And there's a lust in man no charm can tame
Of loudly publishing our neighbor's shame;
On eagles' wings immortal scandals fly,
While virtuous actions are but born and die.
—*Stephen Harvey's Juvenal.*

A tattler is worse than a thief.

Be not apt to relate news if you know not the truth thereof.

Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any one.—*George Washington.*

Every one that repeats it, adds something to the scandal.—*Ovid.*

Foul linen should be washed at home.—*French.*

He who would be well spoken of himself must not speak ill of others.

In a walking newspaper the leading article is scandal.

Never circulate a calumny without inquiring into the evidence.

Shun an inquisitive person, for he is also a tattler.—*Latin.*

Speak no evil of the absent, for it is unjust.—*George Washington.*

The breastplate of innocence is not always scandal proof.

There is never much talk of a thing but there is some truth in it.—*Italian.*

Virtue itself 'scapes not calumnious strokes.

When you sit by the fire yourselves to warm,
Take care that your tongues do your neighbor no harm.

Who is always looking for mud generally finds it.

SCIENCE

Science is organized knowledge.—*Spenser.*

The sciences have had their martyrs as well as religion.—*Richardson.*

SCHOLARS

Despise school and remain a fool.

Every good scholar is not a good schoolmaster.

Great scholars are not the shrewdest men.—*French.*

Who robs a scholar robs the public.—*Spanish.*

SCOLDING

He scolds most that can hurt the least.—*Danish.*

She will scold the devil out of a haunted house.

Who more ready to call her neighbor "scold," than the arrantest scold in the parish?

SEAS

All water runs to the sea.

Better poor on land than rich at sea.—*Dutch, German.*

Praise the sea but keep on land.—*George Herbert.*

The sea and air are common to all men.—*Queen Elizabeth.*

The sea refuses no river.

SEASONS

One swallow does not make a summer.—*Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Danish.*

SECRETS

A man can keep another's secret better than his own; a woman, her own better than another's.—*La Bruyère.*

A man with whom the secrets of a lady are not safe must be the most contemptible of mortals.—*Fielding.*

A secret is seldom safe in more than one breast.—*Swift.*

A woman always thinks it takes two to keep a secret.

Beware of a door that has too many keys.—*Portuguese.*

Do not speak of secret matters in a field that is full of little hills.—*Hebrew.*

Do not tell your secrets behind a wall or a hedge.—*Spanish.*

He has let the cat out of the bag; *i.e., exposed the secret.*

He who keeps his own secret avoids much mischief.—*Spanish.*

He who revealeth his secret makes himself a slave.

He who telleth his own secret will hardly keep another's.—*Italian, Spanish.*

If you want to know secrets seek for them in trouble or in pleasure.—*Spanish.*

If you wish another to keep your secret, first keep it yourself.—*Seneca.*

If you would not have your enemy know your secret, tell it not to your friend.—*Persian.*

If you would teach secrecy to others begin with yourself.

It is wise not to seek a secret and honest not to reveal it.

Let him have the key of thy heart who keeps securely the lock of his own.—*Sir Thomas Brown.*

None are so fond of secrets as those who do not mean to keep them.—*Colton.*

Nothing is so burdensome as a secret.—*French.*

Oil and water, woman and a secret, are hostile properties.—*Bulwer.*

Secrecy in many hands is like water in a sieve.

Secrets never disclosed are never known.

Shun the inquisitive, for he is ever a leaky vessel.—*Horace.*

Tell your secret to your servant and you make him your master.

The bosoms of the wise are the tombs of secrets.—*Oriental.*

The only secret a woman can keep is that of her age.—*French.*

There are three ways of spreading news—telegraph, telephone and tell-a-woman.—*W. E. Biederwolf.*

There is no secret time will not reveal.

Three know it, all know it.—*Italian.*

Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.—*Franklin.*

Thy friend has a friend and thy friend's friend has a friend, so be discreet.—*Talmud.*

To tell our secrets is often folly; to communicate those of others is treachery.—*Rambler.*

To whom you reveal your secret you yield your liberty.—*Italian.*

Trust no secrets to a friend which if repeated would bring infamy.—*Thales.*

What is mine, even to my life, is hers I love; but the secret of my friend is not mine.—*Sidney.*

When you have to fool the world, tell the truth.—*Bismarck.*

Woods have ears and fields have eyes.—*German, Dutch.*

SECURITY

He that is too secure is not safe.

None are secure from desperation, few from subtility.—*Byron.*

SEDITION

The most seditious are the most cowardly.—*Tacitus.*

SEEING

I wa'd rather see't than hear tell o't.—*Scotch.*

Seeing's believing, but feeling's the truth.

Seldom seen, soon forgotten.

What we see we believe.—*French.*

SEEKING

He that seeks finds.—*Spanish.*

Who seeks what he should not, finds what he would not.—*German.*

SEEMING

Things are not what they seem.

To seem and not to be is throwing the shuttle without weaving.

SELF-CONFIDENCE

Be a friend to thyself and others will be so too.

Self-confidence is the first requisite to human greatness.

When a man lays the foundation of his own ruin, others will build on it.—*Fielding.*

SELF-CONTROL

Beware of no man more than thyself.

Govern thyself and thou wilt be able to govern the world.—*Chinese.*

Greater is he who conquers himself than he who conquers a thousand.—*Buddha.*

He is most powerful who has himself in his power.—*Seneca.*

He that is master of himself will soon be master of others.

It is no small conquest to overcome yourself.

Keep cool and you command everybody.—*St. Just.*

Know prudent, cautious, self-control is wisdom's root.—*Burns.*

No man is free who cannot command himself.—*Epictetus.*

Self-conquest is the greatest of victories.—*Plato.*

The noblest task is to command one's self.—*Maga.*

We carry our greatest enemies within us.

Who can not rule himself can never rule a state.

Who restraineth himself in the use of things lawful will never encroach on things forbidden.—*Dr. Johnson.*

SELF-DEFENCE

Self-defence is nature's oldest law.—*Dryden.*

SELF-DENIAL

The more a man denies himself, the more will he receive from Heaven.—*Horace.*

SELF-DEPRECIATION

He that makes himself a sheep shall be eaten by the wolf.

He that makes himself dirt is trod on by the swine.

He who makes a mouse of himself will be eaten by the cats.—*German.*

He who makes himself a dove is eaten by the hawk.—*Italian.*

He who makes himself a servant is expected to remain a servant.—*Italian.*

He who makes himself honey will be eaten by the bees.—*German, Dutch.*

SELFISHNESS

Each person for his own skin.—*Turkish.*

Every one rakes the fire under his own pot.—*Danish.*

It is the nature of extreme self-lovers, as they will set an house on fire (though) it were but to roast their eggs.—*Bacon.*

Of all mankind each loves himself the best.—*Terence.*

Selfishness puts all in its own sack.—*German.*

Self-love and self-conceit fill the land with fools.—*German.*

Self-love is the greatest of flatterers.—*Rochefoucauld.*

The first thing we learn is *meum,* the last is *tuum.*—*Hare.*

We talk on principle, but we act on interest.—*Landor.*

SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Of all studies, study your present condition.

Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as ithers see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us,
An' foolish notion.
—*Burns.*

To know one's self is true progress.—*Hans Andersen.*

To know yourself well, is to esteem yourself little.

SELF-RELIANCE

He flies with his own wings.—*Latin.*

I am the only one of my friends I can rely upon.—*Terence.*

Rely on yourself.—*La Fontaine.*

SELF-PRESERVATION

He that is carried down the torrent catcheth at everything.

He that is drowning shouts though he be not heard.—*Italian.*

Self-preservation is the first law of nature.

SELF-RESPECT

All must respect those who respect themselves.—*Beaconsfield.*

SELF-SACRIFICE

A candle lights others and consumes itself.

SENSE

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.—*Spanish.*

All complain of want of silver but none of want of sense.—*Scotch.*

Better sense in the head than cents in the pocket.

Sense comes with age.

The sensible man understands a half a word.—*French.*

Unfortunately, common sense is very uncommon.—*J. Gilchrist Lawson.*

SERMONS

A good sermon must be brief, clear and vigorous.—*German.*

Long sermon, little attention.—*German.*

SERVANTS

A good servant makes a good master.—*Italian.*

A good servant must have good wages.

A servant is known by his master's absence.

A servant knows more than he should tell.—*German.*

An honest and diligent servant is an humble friend.

An honest and faithful servant is a jewel.—*Ben Jonson.*

He that serves well need not be afraid to ask his wages.

He that would be ill served must keep plenty of servants.—*Italian.*

He that would be well served must know when to change his servants.

He that would have a thing done quickly and well must do it himself.—*Italian.*

He who will not serve one master must needs serve many.—*Italian.*

If you would have a faithful servant and one that you like, serve yourself.—*Franklin.*

If you would have a good servant take neither a kinsman nor a friend.

Multiplying servants multiplieth trouble.

No silver, no servant.

Self done is soon done.—*German.*

Self done, well done.—*German.*

Servants should put on patience when they put on livery.

Servants will not be diligent when the master's negligent.

While the tall maid is stooping, the little one hath swept the house.

SEVEN

Seven may be company but nine are confusion.

Seven's a banquet, nine's a brawl.—*Latin.*

SHAME

He is lost whose shame is lost.

He who has lost shame is lost to all virtue.

He who has no shame has no conscience.—*Spanish.*

He who can feel ashamed will not readily go wrong.—*Talmud.*

Shame lost, honor lost.

Shame may restrain what the law does not prohibit.—*Seneca.*

There is no honor where there is no shame.—*Italian.*

SHARPENING

Steel whets steel.

SHAVING

A beard well lathered is half shaved.—*Spanish.*

SHEEP

A sheep's bite is never more than skin deep.—*Italian.*

Every lamb knows its own dam.

Good pastures make fat sheep.—*Shakespeare.*

Silly sheep, where one goes all go.—*Spanish.*

When one sheep leads the way the rest follow.—*Chinese.*

SHEPHERDS

When the shepherd strays the sheep stray.—*Dutch.*

SHOES

No one knows better where the shoe pinches than he who wears it. —*Italian, German.*

The fairest looking shoe may pinch the foot.

The finest shoe often hurts the foot.

SHOEMAKERS

Shoemaker, stick to your last.—*German, Spanish, Dutch.*

Six awls make a shoemaker.

SHOOTING

A miss is as good as a mile.

He is a bad shot who cannot find an excuse.—*German.*

He must shoot well who always hits the mark.—*Dutch.*

He who once hits will ever be shooting.

It is not enough to aim, you must hit.—*Italian.*

He who shoots often hits at last.—*German.*

One may as much miss the mark by aiming too high as too low.

When he hits 'tis history,
When he misses 'tis mystery.

SHOPPING

Highways and streets have not all the thieves; shops have ten to one.

If fools went not to market, bad wares would not be sold.

Who buys wants a hundred eyes; who sells need have but one.—*Dutch.*

SHREWS

Every one can tame a shrew but he that hath her.

There is little peace in that house where the hen crows and the cock is mute.—*Italian.*

SICKNESS

An empty purse is heavy, but sickness presses heavier.—*Roumanian.*

Be lang sick that you may be soon hale.

He is in great danger who being sick thinks himself well.

In time of sickness the soul collects itself anew.—*Pliny.*

It is easy for a man in health to preach patience to the sick.

Sickness comes in haste and goes at leisure.—*Danish.*

Sickness comes uninvited.—*Danish.*

Sickness is every man's master.—*Danish.*

The chamber of sickness is the chapel of devotion.

The sickness of the body may prove the health of the soul.

SILENCE

A judicious silence is always better than truth spoken without charity.—*De Sales.*

A silent tongue and a true heart are the most admirable things on earth.—*German.*

Be silent and pass for a philosopher.—*Latin.*

Be silent or speak something worth hearing.

Better be silent than talk ill.—*Portuguese.*

Deep rivers move in silence, shallow brooks are noisy.

God rights the man that keeps silence.—*Persian.*

He who would prosper in peace must suffer in silence.—*German.*

In the company of strangers silence is safe.

I prefer silent prudence to loquacious folly.—*Cicero.*

It is well to know how to be silent till it is time to speak.—*Portuguese.*

Many have suffered by talking, few by silence.

No wisdom like silence.

Of much speaking cometh repentance, but in silence is safety.—*Ancient Brahmin.*

Silence and reflection cause no dejection.—*German.*

Silence gives consent.—*French, Italian, Spanish, German, Dutch.*

Silence is a fine jewel for a woman, but it is little worn.

Silence is as great an art as speech.—*German.*

Silence is learned by the many misfortunes of life.—*Seneca.*

Silence is more eloquent than words.—*Carlyle.*

Silence is one art of conversation.—*Hazlitt.*

Silence is the answer to anger.—*German.*

Silence is the fittest reply to folly.

Silence is the greatest ornament in a woman.—*Latin.*

Silence is the mother of truth.—*Beaconsfield.*

Silence is wisdom and gets a man friends.

Silence is wisdom when speaking is folly.

Silence puts an end to quarrels.—*Tamil.*

Silence is the sleep that nourishes wisdom.—*Bacon.*

Silence sometimes speaks more than words.

Silent men, like still waters, are deep and dangerous.

Speaking comes by nature, silence by understanding.—*German.*

Speaking is silver, silence is gold.—*Dutch.*

Study the power of silence.

The silent man is most trusted.—*Danish.*

To be silent hurts no one, to be talkative does the mischief.—*Latin.*

Too much speech and too much silence belong to the fool.—*German.*

Unreasonable silence is folly.

We ought either to be silent or speak things better than silence.—*Pythagoras.*

SIN

A sin confessed is half forgiven.—*Italian.*

A sinful heart makes a feeble hand.—*Scott.*

Commit a sin thrice and you will think it allowable.—*Hebrew.*

Dissembled sin is double wickedness.

Every man has his besetting sin.—*Cicero.*

Few love to hear the sins they love to act.—*Shakespeare.*

He that sows iniquity shall reap sorrow.

He who sows iniquity shall reap shame.—*Danish.*

He who swims in sin will sink in sorrow.

If sinners entice thee consent thou not.—*Proverbs* 1 : 10.

Nip sin in the bud.

Of sinful pleasure only repentance remains.

One sin another doth provoke.—*Shakespeare.*

One sin opens the door for another.—*German.*

Out of small sins come large.—*German.*

Sin and sorrow are inseparable.

Sin brings its own punishment.

The wages of sin is death.—*Romans* 6:23.

They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.—*Hosea* 8:7.

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—*Galatians* 6:7.

Who avoids small sins does not fall into great ones.—*German.*

Who is not ashamed of his sins, sins double.—*German.*

Who sows ill reaps ill.—*Italian.*

SINCERITY

Sincerity gives wings to power.

SINGING

A happy temper, like the Æolian harp, sings to every breeze.

A man who can't sing is always striving to sing.—*Latin.*

He who sings frightens away his ills.—*Don Quixote.*

Oh, give us the man that sings at his work!—*Carlyle.*

> Sweetest the strain when in the song
> The singer has been lost.
> —*Elizabeth Stewart.*

When the crow sings the nightingale takes wing.—*Greek.*

Who sings drives away care.—*Spanish.*

Who sings in grief procures relief.—*Spanish.*

You are like the cuckoo: you have but one song.

SKEPTICISM

A foe to God was never true friend to man.—*Young.*

An ass will deny more in an hour than a hundred philosophers will prove in a year.

An atheist is one point beyond the devil *(devils believe and tremble).*

An atheist's laugh is a poor excuse for deity offended.—*Burns.*

By night an atheist half believes a God.—*Young.*

Croaked the frog, "There are no seas, you fool;
Nor water on earth but in this pool."

Health chiefly keeps an atheist in the dark,
A fever argues better than a clark.
—*Young.*

Men work themselves into an atheistical judgment by atheistical practices.—*Whichcote.*

Some are atheists only in fair weather.

Spit not against Heaven, 'twill fall back in thy face.

That man is to be feared who fears not God.—*Turkish.*

The devil divides the world between atheism and superstition.

The infidel writer is a great enemy to society.—*Knox.*

There is no doubt that vanity is our principal cause of infidelity.—*Knox.*

The sky is not less blue because the blind man does not see it.—*Danish.*

Who doubts all creeds and heaven and hell,
The devil heartily wishes well.
—*German.*

Who throws a stone at the sky may have it fall on his head.—*Italian.*

SKILL

Skill and assurance are an invincible couple.

Skill is stronger than strength.

SLANDER

A blow from a dirty rag may not hurt, but smirches.

A dog that fetches a bone will carry one.

A good life enables us to despise calumnies.—*Cato.*

All are not thieves that the dogs bark at.—*German.*

A probable story is the first weapon of calumny.

Avoid a slanderer as you would a scorpion.

Backwounding calumny the whitest virtue strikes.—*Shakespeare.*

Be slow to believe an evil report; deliberate well before repeating it.

Be thou as chaste as ice and pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny.—*Shakespeare.*

Beware of the tale-bearer.

Calumniate strongly and some of it will stick.—*Latin.*

Calumny and conjecture may injure innocence itself.

Calumny, like muddy water, if you will not stir it up, will soon settle.

Calumny will soil virtue itself.—*Shakespeare.*

He is littlest who belittles others.

He that uttereth a slander is a fool.—*Proverbs* 10: 18.

He who blackens others does not whiten himself.—*German.*

He who hunts for flowers, will find flowers; he who loves weeds may find weeds.—*Beecher.*

He who praises in *præsentia*
And abuses in *absentia,*
May he have the *Pestilentia!*
—*German.*

He who slanders his neighbor makes a rod for himself.—*Dutch.*

If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it.

In scandal as well as robbery, the receiver is as bad as the thief.—*Chesterfield.*

It is as hard for the good to suspect evil, as it is for the bad to suspect good.—*Cicero.*

Jocular slanders often prove serious injuries.

Men's evil manners live in brass,
Their virtues we write in water.
—*Shakespeare.*

Neglected calumny soon expires; show that you are hurt and you give it the appearance of truth.—*Tacitus.*

Never say of another what you would not have him hear.

Never speak ill of the absent unless they deserve it and it is necessary for the safety and benefit of others.—*M. Hale.*

Nothing in its progress is so rapid as calumny, nothing more widely spread, nor more readily received.—*Cicero.*

Put no faith in tale-bearers.

Slander expires at a good woman's door.—*Danish.*

Slander, that worst of poisons, ever finds
An easy entrance to ignoble minds.
—*Juvenal.*

Slander, whose edge is sharper than the sword.

Society produces not a more odious vermin than the slanderer.—*Fielding.*

Tale-bearers are commonly a sort of half-witted men.

Taught by calumny I pity the unfortunate.

The highest culture is to speak no ill.—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

There are calumnies against which even innocence loses courage.—*French.*

There are some tongues so venomous no innocence escapes them.—*Fielding.*

The slanderer kills a thousand times,
The assassin kills but once.
—*Chinese.*

The way to close the mouth of a slanderer is to treat him with contempt.—*Chinese.*

There is no sufficient recompense for an unjust slander.

"They say" is often proved a great liar.

"They say" is half a liar.

Thistles and thorns prick sore, but evil tongues prick more.—*Dutch.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.—*Exodus* 20 : 16.

We cannot control the tongues of others, but a good life enables us to despise calumnies.—*Cato.*

When men speak ill of thee, live so that no one will believe them.—*Plato.*

Whispering tongues can poison truth.—*Coleridge.*

Who steals another's good name makes him poor indeed and enriches not himself.—*German.*

Who throws mud at another soils his own hands.

SLAVES

He is still a slave whose limbs alone are freed.—*German.*

SLEEP

All are not asleep who have their eyes shut.—*German.*

Every one will sleep as he makes his bed.—*Greek.*

He sleeps soundly who has nothing to lose.—*French.*

He that contemplates on his bed has a day without a night.

He who sleeps by day will hunger by night.—*Detroit Free Press.*

He who sleeps much learns little.—*Spanish.*

Sleep is a sovereign physic.—*Massinger.*

Those who come from labor and exercise sleep more sweetly than the inactive and effeminate.—*Alexander.*

Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep.—*Young.*

Too much bed makes a dull head.

Who goes fasting to bed will sleep but lightly.—*Dutch.*

Who goes to bed supperless all the night tumbles and tosses.

SLOTHFULNESS

He that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.—*Proverbs* 18:9.

Sloth is the beginning of vice.—*Dutch.*

Sloth is the key to poverty.—*German, Spanish, Portuguese.*

Sloth is the mother of poverty.

Sloth like rust consumes faster than labor wears.

The sluggard's convenient season never comes.

'Tis the voice of the sluggard; I hear him complain,
"You have waked me too soon, I must slumber again."
—*Watts.*

SLOVENLINESS

Self-love, my liege, is not so great a sin
As self-neglecting.
—*Shakespeare.*

SLOWNESS

Slow and sure.

Slow at meat, slow at work.

SMILES

A cup must be bitter that a smile will not sweeten.

Smiles from reason flow,
To brute deny'd, and are of love the food.
—*Milton.*

SMOKE

No smoke without fire.—*German.*

SNEERS

A sneer cannot be answered.

Sneers are poor weapons at the best.—*Maga.*

Who can refute a sneer?—*Paley.*

SNOW

A snow year, a rich year.

Snow is the poor man's fertilizer.

The more snow the more healthy the season.

When the snow falls dry it means to lie;
But flakes light and soft bring rain oft.

SOBRIETY

Strength of mind rests in sobriety, for this keeps the reason unclouded by passion.—*Pythagoras.*

SOLDIERS

All are not soldiers who go to the wars.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

A soldier ought to fear nothing but God and dishonor.

Away from the battle all are soldiers.—*German.*

He is not a good soldier who fights with his tongue.—*German.*

It is the blood of the soldier that makes the general great.—*Italian.*

SOLITUDE

A solitary man is either a brute or an angel.—*Italian.*

Among the perils and dangers of life solitude's none of the least.

An absolute solitude is contrary to humanity.—*Petrarch.*

One would not be alone even in Paradise.—*Italian.*

Solitude dulls the thought; too much company dissipates it.

Solitude sometimes is best society.—*Milton.*

SONGS

A good song is none the worse for being sung twice.

Give me the making of the songs of a people, I care not who makes their laws.

New songs are eagerly sung (or are liked best).—*German, Danish.*

Sweet song has betrayed many.—*German.*

SORROW

A day of sorrow is longer than a month of joy.—*Chinese.*

Be always as merry as ever you can,
For no one delights in a sorrowful man.

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.—*Moore.*

Every rose has its thorn.

Give sorrow words: the grief that does not speak,
Whispers the o'erfraught heart and bids it break.
—*Shakespeare.*

He gains enough who loses sorrow.—*French.*

He is worthy of sweet who has tasted bitter.—*Danish.*

He who has not tasted bitter knows not what sweet is.—*German.*

He who loves sorrow will always find something to mourn over.—*Danish.*

If there were no clouds we should not enjoy the sun.

Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary.
—*Longfellow.*

Light sorrows speak, great ones are dumb.—*Addison.*

Make not two sorrows of one.—*Bacon.*

No sunshine but hath some shadow.

No sweet without some bitter.

On the sands of life sorrow treads heavily,
And leaves a print time cannot wash away.
—*Neele.*

Rejoice not in another's sorrow.—*Turkish.*

Some hearts are useless until they are broken.

Sorrow and ill weather come unsent for.

Sorrow brings on premature old age.—*Latin.*

Sorrow concealed doth burn the heart to cinders.—*Shakespeare.*

Sorrow dwells on the confines of pleasure.

Sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things.—*Tennyson.*

Sorrows grow less every time they are told,
Just like the age of a woman.
—*Punch.*

Sorrows remembered sweeten present joy.—*Pollock.*

Telling your troubles is swelling your troubles.

That which is bitter to endure may be sweet to remember.

The best cure for sorrow is to pity somebody.

The bridge between joy and sorrow is not long.—*German.*

The rays of happiness, like those of light, are colorless when unbroken.—*Longfellow.*

There is a skeleton in every house.

Time dresses the greatest wounds.—*German.*

Time is a true friend to sorrow.—*Wordsworth.*

'Tis held that sorrow makes us wise.—*Tennyson.*

Two in distress make sorrow less.

What's past help
Should be past grief.
—*Shakespeare.*

Who has tasted a sour apple will have the more relish for a sweet one.—*German.*

With the years,
Regrets and tears.

SOUL

A little body often harbors a great soul.

Honor lost, much lost;
Life lost, more lost;
Soul lost, all lost.
—*German, Dutch.*

The body is the workhouse of the soul.

The sickness of the body may prove the health of the soul.

The soul is a prisoner which in escaping always kills his jailer.

What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?—*Matthew* 16:26.

SPEECHES

An orator without judgment is a horse without a bridle.—*Theophrastus.*

Eloquence is saying the proper thing and stopping.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Suspect the meaning and regard not speeches.—*Socrates.*

SPITE

He cut off his nose to spite his face.

STATESMEN

The noblest motive is the public good.—*Virgil.*

STEALING

A thief does not always thieve, but be always on your guard against him.—*Russian.*

A thief seldom grows rich by thieving.—*German.*

A thief thinks every man steals.—*Danish.*

First a turnip, then a sheep, next a cow, and then the gallows.

He is a thief indeed that robs a thief.—*French.*

He that will steal an egg will steal a chicken.

He who steals once is never trusty.—*Spanish.*

If there were no receiver, there would be no thief.—*Spanish.*

If you would make a thief honest trust him.—*Spanish.*

Petty thieves are hanged, people take off their hats to great ones. —*German.*

Set a thief to catch a thief.

The receiver is as bad as the thief.

There is honor among thieves.

Thieves quarrel and thefts are discovered.—*Spanish.*

Who steals a pin will steal a greater thing.

STEPMOTHERS

There are as many good stepmothers as white ravens.—*German.*

What the bear is in the woods the stepmother is at home.—*German.*

STINGINESS

A stingy man is always poor.—*French.*

Penny wise and pound foolish.

STRANGENESS

Strange if true.

STRENGTH

A man is a lion in his own cause.

It is excellent to have a giant's strength,
But it is tyrannous to use it like a giant.
—*Shakespeare.*

STRUGGLES

It is hard to swim against the stream.—*Dutch.*

STUPIDITY

As dull as a beetle.

Foolish ears need sharp words.—*Dutch.*

SUCCESS

A man is never so on trial as in the moment of good fortune.—*Lew Wallace.*

Confidence of success is almost success.—*Moir.*

Deserve success, and you shall command it.

For they can conquer who believe they can.—*Virgil.*

If a fool have success it ruins him.

Nothing succeeds like success.—*Maga.*

Success brings many to ruin.—*Phædrus.*

Success has many friends.—*Greek.*

Success is by acting, not wishing.

Success is the child of audacity.—*Beaconsfield.*

Success leads to insolence.—*Latin.*

The first element of success is the determination to succeed.

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.
—*Shakespeare.*

The sagacious are generally lucky.—*Maga.*

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.—*Disraeli.*

The way to make ourselves admired is to be what we expect to be thought.—*Socrates.*

'Tis Heaven that gives success.—*Homer.*

When Fortune opens one door she generally opens another.—*German.*

Who would win must learn to bear.—*German.*

SUFFERING

Better to suffer than to do ill.

He who much has suffered much will know.—*Homer.*

He who suffers innocently is in better condition than they who unjustly condemn.—*Agis.*

I would rather be found suffering than doing what is unjust.—*Phocion.*

It is the lot of man to suffer.—*Beaconsfield.*

Suffer in order to know; toil in order to have.—*Spanish.*

Sufferings are lessons.—*Greek.*

We must suffer much or die young.—*Portuguese.*

SUICIDE

Do not call upon death to relieve you of trouble.

It is cowardly to quit the post assigned us by God before he permits us.—*Pythagoras.*

'Tis more brave to live than to die.

When all the blandishments of life are gone,
The coward sneaks to death, the brave live on.
—*Dr. Sewell.*

SUMMER

Summer will not last forever.—*Latin.*

When the summer is winter, and the winter summer, it is a sorry year.—*Spanish.*

SUPERSTITION

Superstitions would soon die out if so many old women wouldn't act as nurses to keep them alive.—*Punch.*

SURETY

Be bail and pay for it.

Be surety and evil is at hand.—*Greek.*

Beware of suretyship for thy best friends.—*Lord Burleigh.*

He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hateth suretyship is sure.—*Proverbs* 11:15.

SURGEONS

A good surgeon must have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart, and a lady's hand.

Tender surgeons make foul wounds.—*Italian.*

SUSPICION

A man suspected is half condemned.

A slight suspicion may destroy a good repute.—*Danish.*

An innocent heart suspects no guile.—*Portuguese.*

Be ever vigilant but never suspicious.

Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind,
The thief doth fear each bush an officer.
—*Shakespeare.*

Suspicion is the poison of friendship.—*French.*

Suspicion may be no fault, but showing it is a great one.

SWEARING

A true word needs no oath.

Curses are the devil's language.

Cussin' de weather is mighty poo' farmin'.—*American Negro.*

Defile not your mouth with impure words.

Immodest words admit of no defense,
For want of decency is want of sense.
—*W. D. Roscommon.*

Maintain your rank; vulgarity despise;
To swear is neither brave, polite, nor wise.

Nothing will justify profanity.—*Stonewall Jackson.*

Profaneness is a low groveling vice. He who indulges in it is no gentleman.—*E. H. Chapin.*

Swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath.—*James* 5: 12.

The foolish and wicked practice of profane swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it.—*Washington.*

The lips that curse shall want bread.—*Polish.*

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.—*Exodus* 20: 7.

Who curses prays to the devil.—*German.*

SWEETS

Sweets to the sweet.—*Shakespeare.*

SWIMMING

Swim with the stream.

SYMPATHY

Another man's burden is always light.—*Danish.*

One does not feel three hundred blows on another's back.—*Servian.*

Speak words of sympathy to those who suffer.

SYSTEM

A place for everything and everything in its place.

A proper time for everything and everything done in its time.—*Hartley.*

Everybody's business is nobody's business.—*German.*

Method in business is the chief instrument in getting rich.—*Spectator.*

Method will teach you to win time.—*Goethe.*

To him that does everything in its proper time one day is worth three.

Two captains sink the ship.—*Persian.*

TACT

Whose bread I eat his song I sing.—*German.*

TALKING

A bird is known by its note and a man by his talk.

A blow with a word strikes deeper than a blow with a sword.

A deluge of words and a drop of sense.

A fool always talks the most when he has the least to say.

A fool cannot be silent.—*Demaratus, king of Sparta.*

A fool if he holds his tongue passes for wise.—*Spanish.*

A fool's heart dances on his lips.

A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.—*Proverbs* 18:7.

A fool's voice is known by multitude of words.—*Ecclesiastes* 5:3.

A great talker never wants for enemies.—*Chinese.*

All successful men know how to hold their tongues.—*Talleyrand.*

All truths are not to be told.

A man is not better than his conversation.—*German.*

A man of sense talks little and listens much.—*Chinese.*

A man's conversation is the mirror of his thoughts.—*Chinese.*

An unbridled tongue is the worst of diseases.—*Euripides.*

A prating fool shall fall.—*Proverbs* 10:8, 10.

A shut mouth keeps me out of strife.—*Portuguese.*

A silent man's words are not brought into court.—*Danish.*

A spoken word is silver, an unspoken one gold.—*German.*

As the man, so his speech.—*Latin.*

A quiet tongue shows a wise head.

A still tongue makes a wise head.

A tame tongue is a rare bird.

A wise head has a close mouth to it.

A wise man thinks all he says, a fool says all he thinks.

A wise man thinks before he speaks; a fool afterwards.—*French.*

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.—*Proverbs* 25:11.

A word isn't a bird; if it flies out you'll never catch it again.—*Russian.*

A word unreasonably spoken may mar the course of a whole life.—*Greek.*

A word uttered may bring wealth as well as ruin.—*Tamil.*

Be not too brief in conversation lest you be not understood, nor too diffuse lest you be troublesome.—*Protagoras.*

Be silent or say something better than silence.—*Pythagoras.*

Better say nothing than nothing to the purpose.

Beware of a man that does not talk and a dog that does not bark.—*Portuguese.*

Beware of the silent dog and still water.—*Latin.*

Birds are entangled by their feet, men by their tongues.

Chattering will not make the pot boil.—*Turkish.*

Children and fools tell the truth.—*Spanish, German.*

Conceit causes more conversation than wit.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Conversation enriches the understanding, but solitude is the school of genius.—*Gibbon.*

Deliver not your words by number but by weight.

Discretion of speech is more than eloquence.—*Bacon.*

Do not give your measure to any one but your tailor.

Don't speak all you know, but know all you speak.

Dover court: all speakers and no hearers.

Education begins a gentleman, conversation completes him.

Empty wagons make most noise.—*Danish.*

Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise.—*Proverbs* 17:28.

Even wit's a burden when it talks too long.—*Dryden.*

Every ass loves to hear himself bray.

Every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.—*Matthew* 12:36.

Few words, many deeds.

Full vessels give the least sound.—*German.*

Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice.—*Shakespeare.*

Give many your hand but few your head.

Govern your thoughts when alone, and your tongue when in company.

Great talkers are commonly liars.

Great talkers are like leaky pitchers; everything runs out of them.

Half witted folk speak much and say little.

Hasty speeches commit men to foolish courses.—*Wigglesworth.*

Have more than thou showest,
Speak less than thou knowest.
—*Shakespeare.*

He cannot speak well who cannot hold his tongue.

He has the gift of gab; *i.e., is a fluent talker.*

He is a fool who only hears himself speak.—*German.*

He knows much who knows how to hold his tongue.

He that hears much and speaks not all
Shall be welcome both in bower and hall.

He that knows when to speak knows when to be silent.—*Archimedes.*

He who holds his tongue saves his head.—*Turkish.*

He who knows but little tells it quickly.—*Italian, Spanish, Portuguese.*

He who restrains not his tongue shall live in trouble.—*Ancient Brahmin.*

He who says what he likes, hears what he does not like.—*Spanish.*

Honeyed speech often conceals poison and gall.—*Danish.*

If a man be a fool his speech will tell it.

If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.—*Quarles.*

If wisdom's ways you wisely seek,
Five things observe with care:
To whom you speak, *of* whom you speak,
And *how,* and *when* and *where.*

In all contentions put a bridle on your tongue.

In conversation avoid the extremes of forwardness and reserve.—*Cato.*

In the commerce of speech use no coin but gold and silver.—*Joubert.*

It is good speaking that improves good silence.—*Dutch.*

It is one thing to speak much and another to speak pertinently.

It is very seldom that a great talker hath either discretion or good manners.

It used to take a miracle to make an ass speak; now it requires a miracle to prevent them from speaking.

It's a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his confessor.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.—*Psalm* 34:13.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.—*James* 1:19.

Let him who is well off hold his tongue.

Let not your tongue outrun your wit;
The wise full oft in silence sit.

Let no word escape you unsuitable to the occasion.—*Pericles.*

Let thy words be few.—*Ecclesiastes* 5:2.

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt.—*Colossians* 4:6.

Little discourse, gold; too much, dirt.—*German.*

Long talking begets short hearing.—*Richter.*

Many can argue, not many converse.—*A. Bronson Alcott.*

Many speak much that cannot speak well.

Many talk like philosophers and live like fools.

Many words, an unsound heart.—*Turkish.*

Men and fish, if they would keep their mouths shut, would be safe.

Men are no better than their conversation.

Men talk wisely but live foolishly.

Mighty work must be done with few words.—*Danish.*

More have repented of speech than of silence.

Mouth shut and eyes open.—*Italian.*

Much chatter, little wit.—*Portuguese.*

Much talking enervates the judgment.

Much speaking and lying are cousins.—*German.*

Much talk, little work.—*Dutch.*

Much talking, much erring.—*Spanish.*

Much tongue and much judgment seldom go together.—*L'Estrange.*

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes and but one tongue, to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.—*Socrates.*

Never hold any one by the button, in order to be heard out; better hold your tongue.—*Chesterfield.*

No flies get into a shut mouth.—*French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese.*

Of words and feathers it takes many to make a pound.—*German.*

One may say too much even upon the best subject.

One may think what he dare not speak.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.—*Matthew* 12:34.

Peace is in holding one's tongue.

Put a key on your tongue.—*Greek.*

Put a seal upon your mouth, and guard your heart with the same vigilance as the ramparts of a city.—*Chinese.*

Say not all that you know, believe not all that you hear.

Say not all thou knowest, but believe all that thou sayest.—*German.*

Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.—*Proverbs* 29:20.

Show not the bottom of either your purse or mind.

Some people would say more if they would talk less.

Speak but little and to the purpose, and you will pass for somebody. —*Portuguese.*

Speaking without thinking is shooting without taking aim.

Speak little, speak truth, spend little, pay cash.—*German.*

Speak little of your ill luck and boast not of your good luck.—*Danish.*

Speak little with others, much with thyself.—*German.*

Speech is the picture of the mind.

Speak clearly if you speak at all,
Carve every word before you let it fall.
—*Holmes.*

Speak no evil and cause no ache;
Utter no jest that can pain awake;
Guard your actions and bridle your tongue;
Words are adders when hearts are stung.

Speech is silver, silence golden; speech sows, silence reaps.—*Persian.*

Still waters run deep.—*German, Dutch, Danish.*

Sweet discourse makes short days and nights.

Talk does not cook rice.—*Chinese.*

Talkers are no doers.—*Shakespeare.*

Teach the tongue to say, "I do not know."—*Hebrew.*

That which is unsaid may be said; that which is said cannot be unsaid.—*Danish.*

The ass brays when he pleases.

The best talker is the man who knows when to stop.

The eternal talker neither hears nor learns.

The first virtue is to restrain the tongue.—*Chaucer.*

The greatest talkers are always the least doers.

The knife's wound heals, the tongue's never.—*Turkish.*

The less a man thinks, the more he talks.—*Montesquieu.*

The less said, the sooner mended.—*Dutch.*

The loquacity of fools is a lecture to the wise.

The man that talks much about himself will have a tired audience.

The more understanding the fewer words.—*German.*

There are a thousand good talkers to one good thinker.

The shallowest persons are the most loquacious.

The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly member, full of deadly poison.—*James* 3:8.

The tongue is not steel yet it cuts.

The tongue of a fool carves a piece of his heart to all that sit near him.

The tongue of idle persons is never idle.

The tongue speaks wisely when the soul is wise.—*Homer.*

The unspoken word never does harm.—*Kossuth.*

The wise does not say all that he thinks, but thinks all that he says.—*German.*

The wise man has long ears and a short tongue.—*German.*

The wise man's tongue is a shield, not a sword.—*German.*

The wise spare both time and words.—*German.*

They always talk who never think.—*Pope.*

Think all you speak, but speak not all you think.—*Delauné.*

Think before you speak, and before whom you speak.

Think first and speak afterwards.—*Turkish.*

Think much, speak little, and write less.—*French, Italian.*

Think twice before you speak once and you will speak twice the better for it.

'Tis remarkable that they talk most who have least to say.—*Pope.*

To listen is to compliment.

To make enemies, talk; to make friends, listen.

To say little and perform much is the characteristic of great minds.

Turn your tongue seven times before speaking.

We ought to be careful indeed in what we say.—*Confucius.*

We should be as careful of our words as of our actions.—*Cicero.*

What is said is said and no sponge can wipe it out.—*German.*

What the heart thinketh the tongue speaketh.

What they do not know,
The wise conceal
And fools reveal.

When a' men speak, nae man hears.—*Scotch.*

When a wise man and a fool are thrown together the fool does all the talking.

When in doubt what to say, say nothing.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

When there is a gap in the conversation, don't put your foot in it.

When the river makes a noise, it is either dried up or much swollen. —*Spanish.*

When the tongue wags ruin never lags.

When you've nothing to say, say it.

Who can govern his tongue is a strong man.—*German.*

Who says little has little to answer for.

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from trouble.—*Proverbs* 21 : 23.

Who speaks sows, who listens reaps.—*French.*

Who talks much errs much.—*Spanish.*

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they wish to say something.—*Whately.*

Words and eggs must be handled with care;
For words once spoken,
And eggs once broken,
Are not the easiest things to repair.

Words are like leaves and where they most abound,
Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.
—*Pope.*

Words once spoken can never be recalled.—*Roscommon.*

Words without thoughts are needles without points.

Your tongue runs before your wit.

TAXES

Taxes are the perpetual theme of popular complaint.—*Gibbon.*

Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation.—*A. S. Hewitt.*

TARDINESS

Better late than never.—*French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Danish.*

TEACHING

A teacher is better than two books.—*German.*

Delightful task to rear the tender thought,
To teach the young idea how to shoot.
—*Thomson.*

TEARS

A small tear relieves a great sorrow.

More tears are shed in playhouses than in churches.—*Guthrie.*

Nothing dries sooner than a tear.—*German.*

TEMPER

Command your temper if you would command respect.

Loss of temper is loss of sense.

Of all bad things by which mankind are curst,
Their own bad tempers surely are the worst.
—*Cumberland.*

The Jesuits are wise; they never lose their temper.—*Beaconsfield.*

TEMPERANCE

Above all sternly keep yourself from drink.—*Confucius.*

Abstinence is the best medicine.—*Tamil.*

Abstinence is the mother of competence.—*Stilson Hutchins.*

Adam's ale is the best brew.

Ardent spirits are evil spirits.

A red nose makes a ragged back.—*Scotch.*

Bacchus kills more than Mars.—*German.*

Be not among winebibbers; among gluttonous eaters of flesh.—*Proverbs* 23 : 20.

Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the spirit.—*Ephesians* 5 : 18.

Counsel in wine seldom prospers.

Don't make your nose blush for the sins of your mouth.

Drinking water neither makes a man sick, nor in debt, nor his wife a widow.—*John Neal.*

Drink injures a man externally, internally, and eternally.

Drink like a fish—water only.

Drunkenness brutifies even the bravest spirits.—*Feltham.*

Drunkenness is an egg from which all vices are hatched.

Drunkenness is nothing but voluntary madness.—*Seneca.*

Drunkenness makes some men fools, some beasts and some devils.

Drunkenness places a man as much below the level of the brutes as reason elevates him above them.—*G. Sinclair.*

Full bottles and glasses
Make fools and asses.
—*Dutch.*

He will never drink too much who never drinks at all.

Intemperance and lust breed infirmities.—*Tillotson.*

Intemperance is the doctor's wet nurse.—*German.*

Oh, that men should put an enemy in their mouths, to steal away their brains!—*Shakespeare.*

O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil.—*Shakespeare.*

Passion makes a man a beast, but wine makes him worse.

Temperance is the best medicine.

Temperance is the greatest of virtues.—*Plutarch.*

The best cure for drunkenness is while sober to see a drunken man.—*Chinese.*

The devil's behind the glass.

The drunkard and the glutton shall come to want.—*Proverbs* 23 : 21.

The drunkard is discovered by his praise of wine.

The drunken man's joy is often the sober man's sorrow.—*Danish.*

There is a devil in every berry of the grape.—*Koran.*

There is no harm in a glass of whiskey if you let it remain in the glass.

There is no one so wise that wine does not make him a fool.—*German.*

The wise drunkard is a sober fool.—*German.*

Touch not, taste not, handle not, intoxicating drinks.

When wine enters modesty departs.

When wine is in, wit is out.—*Italian, Portuguese, Danish, Dutch.*

When wine sinks words swim.

Where there is drink there is danger.

Wine and youth are fire upon fire.

Wine carries no rudder.—*Latin.*

Wine hath drowned more men than the sea.—*Syrus.*

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler; and whosoever erreth thereby is not wise.—*Proverbs* 20:1.

Wine is the blood of devils.—*Manes the Persian.*

Wisdom is overshadowed by wine.—*Pliny the Elder.*

TEMPTATION

An open box tempts an honest man.—*Dutch.*

An open door may tempt a saint.

He who avoids the temptation avoids the sin.—*Spanish.*

Shut your door and you will make your neighbor good.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

It is too much to expect of the cat that she should sit by the milk and not lap it.—*German.*

The devil entangles youth with beauty, the miser with gold, the ambitious with power, the learned with false doctrine.

The less the temptation the greater the sin.

Though the bird may fly over your head let it not make its nest in your hair.—*Danish.*

THANKS

There is no benefit so small that a good man will not magnify it.—*Seneca.*

Words are but empty thanks.—*Cibber.*

THINKING

A profound thinker always thinks he is superficial.—*Beaconsfield.*

As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.—*Proverbs* 23:7.

He is never alone that is in the company of noble thoughts.

He that cannot think, is a fool,
He that will not, is a bigot,
He that dare not, is a slave.

It is for want of thinking that most men are undone.

Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.—*Bovee.*

Second thoughts are best.—*Latin.*

THIRST

Brackish water is sweet in a drought.—*Portuguese.*

THOROUGHNESS

No matter what you try to do,
At home or at your school,
Always do your very best,
There is no better rule.

Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.—*Chesterfield.*

Whatever you do, do with your might;
Things done by halves are never done right.

THREATS

All do not bite that show their teeth.—*Dutch.*

A man may threaten and yet be afraid.

All threateners don't fight.—*Dutch.*

The goose hisses but does not bite.—*Dutch.*

The greatest barkers are not the greatest biters.

Who threatens, warns.—*German.*

THREE

One's too few, and three's too many.

TIME

All the treasures of the earth would not bring back one lost moment.—*French.*

A man that is young in years may be old in hours if he has lost no time.—*Bacon.*

Count that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done.
—*Jacob Bobart.*

Every scrap of a wise man's time is worth saving.

He that has most time has none to lose.

He who knows most grieves most for wasted time.—*Dante.*

He wrongs me not so much who steals my money as he who steals my time; for the money may be restored, but time lost is gone forever.

Hour by hour time departs.—*Italian.*

If time be of all things most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality.—*Franklin.*

Improve each shining moment as it flies.—*S. Johnson.*

Improve your time and your time will improve you.

Life is short and time is fleeting.—*Longfellow.*

Lost, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are lost forever.—*Horace Mann.*

Lost time is never found again, and what we call time enough, always proves little enough.—*Franklin.*

Man cannot buy time.—*German.*

Nae man can tether time or tide.—*Burns.*

Take time when time is, for time will away.

The best preacher is time.—*German.*

The past is for wisdom, the present for action, but for joy the future.—*Beaconsfield.*

The time of life is short,
To spend that shortness basely 'twere too long.
—*Shakespeare.*

The time to come is no more ours than the time past.

There is nothing more precious than time and nothing more prodigally wasted.

The sacrifice of time is the costliest of all sacrifices.—*Antiphon.*

Time does not bow to you, you must bow to time.—*Russian.*

Time and tide wait for no man.

Time and words can never be recalled.

Time enough is little enough.

Time fleeth away without delay.

Time is a file that wears and makes no noise.

Time is an inaudible file.—*Italian.*

Time is money.—*Dutch, Turkish.*

Time is money, but money is not time.

Time is precious—do not waste it.

Time misspent is not lived but lost.—*Fuller.*

Time passes like the wind.—*Portuguese.*

Time past never returns, a moment lost, lost forever.—*Dr. Johnson.*

Time rolls his ceaseless course.—*Scott.*

Time wasted is existence; used is life.

To-morrow may be never.

Use your time wisely.

Watch the minutes, and the hours and days will be safe.

We are but minutes, use us well;
For how we're used we soon must tell.
Who uses minutes has hours to use:
Who loses minutes has hours to lose.

What greater crime than loss of time.

What is there sadder under the sun
Than a day that is gone and nothing done.

Who despises minutes cannot respect eternity.

TIMIDITY

A timid man has little chance.

Faint heart never won fair lady.—*Burns.*

He that asketh faintly beggeth a denial.

The most timorous animals are the hardest to be tamed.—*Plutarch.*

The timid and weak are the most revengeful and implacable.

The timid are always cruel.—*Gibbon.*

TIREDNESS

Tired folks are quarrelsome.—*French.*

TITLES

Empty heads love long titles.—*German.*

Of what avail are pedigrees?—*Juvenal.*

TOBACCO

The boy who smokes is robbing an old man who will some day bear his name.

TOOLS

He that works without tools is twice tired.

What is a workman without his tools.

TOO MANY

Too many cooks spoil the broth.

Two captains sink the ship.

TOOTHACHE

Better a tooth out than always aching.

TRADES

A man of many trades begs his bread on Sundays.

A trade is an estate for life.—*Turkish.*

Every one finds fault with his own trade.—*Italian.*

He'll seldom need aid
Who has a good trade.

He that brings not up his son to some trade makes him a thief. —*Hebrew.*

He who has a trade may travel through the world.—*Spanish.*

Jack of all trades and master of none.

Jack of all trades is no trade.

Learn some useful art that you may be independent of the caprice of fortune.—*Cato.*

Let every man practise the trade he best understands.—*Cicero.*

No man is his craft's master the first day.

Two of a trade seldom agree.

Who hath a good trade through all waters may wade.

TRAVEL

He that travels far knows much.

He who would travel through the land,
Must go with open purse in hand.
—*Dutch.*

How much a dunce that has been sent to roam
Excels a dunce that has been kept at home.
—*Cowper.*

If an ass goes traveling he'll not come home a horse.

The fool wanders, the wise man travels.

Travel is the great source of true wisdom.—*Beaconsfield.*

Traveling teaches toleration.—*Beaconsfield.*

Travelers should correct the vice of one country by the virtue of another.

Two things the traveler easily forgets—his umbrella and the truth.

TREACHERY

Passion and unkindness may give a wound that shall bleed and smart, but it is treachery that makes it fester.—*South.*

Treachery lurks in honeyed words.—*Danish.*

TREASON

The hasty man was never a traitor.—*German.*

Traitors are detested by those who have employed them.

Treason doth never prosper. What's the reason?
For if it prosper none dare call it treason.
—*Sir John Harrington.*

Tyranny is far the worst of treasons.—*Byron.*

TREASURE

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—*Matthew* 6:21.

TREES

A tree often transplanted neither grows nor thrives.—*Spanish.*

Great trees give more shade than fruit.—*German.*

He that plants trees loves others beside himself.

Remove an old tree and it will wither to death.

TROUBLES

Adversity borrows its sharpest stings from our impatience.—*Bishop Horne.*

Adversity has no friends.—*Tacitus.*

Adversity is not without comfort and hopes.—*Bacon.*

Adversity is the parent of virtue.—*Plutarch.*

Adversity is the true scale to weigh friends in.

Adversity makes men, prosperity monsters.—*French.*

Adversity makes wise though not rich.

Adversity may suspend our fondness for life, but a single glance from prosperity recalls it.

Adversity often leads to prosperity.

Adversity reminds men of religion.—*Livy.*

Adversity, sage useful guest, severe instructor but the best.—*Somerville.*

Adversity successfully overcome is the highest glory.

Adversity tries virtue.—*Arabian.*

Adversity will not last forever.

Affliction is the wholesome soil of virtue.

Affliction like the iron-smith shapes as it smites.

Afflictions are the best blessings in disguise.

Afflictions are the good man's shining time.—*Emmons.*

Are afflictions aught but mercies in disguise?—*Mallet.*

After ebb comes flood and friends with good.—*Dutch.*

Alas! by some degree of woe, we every bliss must gain,
The heart can ne'er a transport know, that never feels a pain.
—*Lord Lyttleton.*

A man's walking is a succession of falls.

A smooth sea never made a skilful mariner.

By telling our woes we often assuage them.—*French.*

Corn is cleansed with the wind and the soul with chastening.

Crosses are ladders which lead to heaven.

Crosses though not pleasant are wholesome.

Every back hath its pack.—*London Truth.*

Every house has its cross.—*Dutch.*

Every light has its shadow.

Every one thinks his own cross the heaviest.—*Italian.*

Every rose has its thorn.—*Italian.*

Every tide hath its ebb.

Everything does not fall that totters.—*French.*

God gives strength to bear a great deal if we only strive ourselves to endure.—*Hans Andersen.*

God sends nothing but what can be borne.—*Italian.*

God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.—*Sterne, French.*

He that falls to-day may be up again to-morrow.

He that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.—*Proverbs* 17:5.

He that will have no trouble in this world must not be born in it.

He who does not tire tires adversity.—*French.*

He who swells in prosperity will shrink in adversity.

Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.—*French, Dutch.*

If winter comes, can spring be far behind?—*Keats.*

If you beat spice it will smell the sweeter.

Ill blows the wind that profits nobody.—*Shakespeare.*

Ill tidings come soon enough.—*Dutch.*

In prosperity caution, in adversity patience.—*Portuguese.*

In trouble to be troubled is to have your trouble doubled.—*Spanish.*

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

It is good to have company in trouble.

It is not until we have passed through a furnace
That we discover the dross that's within us.

Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.—*Job* 5:7.

Noble souls, through dust and heat,
Rise from disaster and defeat
The stronger.

—*Longfellow.*

No cross—no crown.

No one falls low unless he attempts to climb high.—*Danish.*

No trials, no triumphs.

Send not to market for trouble.

Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.—*Matthew* 6:34.

That is pleasant to remember which was hard to endure.—*Italian.*

The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft a-gley.

—*Burns.*

The best remedy of affliction is submitting to Providence.

The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be,
The devil was well, the devil a monk was he.

The gem cannot be polished without friction,
Nor man perfected without trials.

—*Chinese.*

The nearer the dawn the darker the night.—*Longfellow.*

There is always some trouble mixed up with the greatest pleasure. —*Hans Andersen.*

There is no education like adversity.—*Beaconsfield.*

We are the authors of our own disasters.—*Latin.*

We are usually the best men when in the worst health.

What appear to be calamities are often the sources of fortune.—*Beaconsfield.*

What is one man's cloud is another man's sunshine.

What smarts teaches.

When it thunders the thief becomes honest.—*Italian.*

When the tale of bricks is doubled then comes Moses.—*Hebrew.*

When things are at the worst they sometimes mend.—*Byron.*

When things come to the worst they'll mend.

Who bravely dares must sometimes risk a fall.—*Smollett.*

You must take the fat with the lean.

TRUST

Be just to all but trust not all.

Between trust and distrust lies the safe road.

Do not trust or contend, nor borrow or lend,
And you'll gain in the end.

—*Spanish.*

Eat a peck of salt with a man before you trust him.

From those I trust, God keep me; from those I mistrust, I will keep myself.—*Italian, Spanish.*

He that trusts every one without reserve will at last be deceived. —*Rambler.*

He who looks demurely trust not with your money.—*Spanish.*

He who trusteth not is not deceived.

If you trust before you try,
You may repent before you die.

It is an equal failing to trust everybody and to trust nobody.

It is happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust.—*Rambler.*

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.—*Shakespeare.*

Never trust to fine promises.

Sudden trusts bring sudden repentance.

There's none deceived but he that trusteth.

To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.—*MacDonald.*

Trust in God but keep your powder dry.—*Cromwell's order to his soldiers.*

Trust not a new friend nor an old enemy.

Trust not him that hath once broken faith.—*Shakespeare.*

Trust thyself only, and another shall not betray thee.

Trusting too much to others is the ruin of many.

"Trust" was a good man, "Trust Not" was a better.

We live by reposing trust in each other.—*Pliny.*

TRUTH

Above all things always speak the truth.—*Haliburton.*

All men naturally have some love of truth.

An honest man speaks the truth.—*Wm. Hazlitt.*

Be the matter what it may,
Always speak the truth.
If at work or if at play,
Always speak the truth.

Be true to your word, your work, and your friend.—*John Boyle O'Reilly.*

Better suffer for truth than prosper by falsehood.—*Danish.*

Buy the truth and sell it not.—*Proverbs* 23:23.

Dishonor waits on perfidy. A man should blush to think a falsehood; it is the crime of cowards.—*Samuel Johnson.*

Every truth is not to be told.—*Italian.*

If a man is sincere he will seek earnestly for the truth.—*Thomas à Kempis.*

It takes a good many shovelfuls of earth to bury the truth.—*German.*

No man who loves applause more than the truth will add much to the world's progress.

One of the sublimest things in the world is plain truth.—*Bulwer-Lytton.*

Search all things, hold fast that which is true.

Sooner or later the truth comes to light.

Tell the truth and shame the devil.—*Shakespeare.*

There's nothing so kingly as kindness;
There's nothing so royal as truth.

The truth is always the stronger argument.—*Sophocles.*

The truth itself is not believed
From one who often has deceived.

The truth shall make you free.—*John* 8:32.

The truth will out.

Think the truth, speak the truth, act the truth.

Time is precious, but truth is more precious than time.—*Beaconsfield.*

Truth and oil always come to the surface.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

Truth conquers all things.—*Latin.*

Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshipers.
—*Bryant.*

Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne.
—*Lowell.*

Truth gives a short answer; lies go round about.—*German.*

Truth is always straightforward.—*Sophocles.*

Truth is better than gold.—*Arabian.*

Truth is honest, truth is sure;
Truth is strong and must endure.

Truth is mighty and will prevail.—*Latin.*

Truth is the foundation of all knowledge, and the cement of all societies.—*Dryden.*

Truth makes the devil blush.

Truth may be suppressed but not strangled.—*German.*

Truth may languish but can never perish.—*Italian.*

Truth never fears investigation.

Truth never perishes.—*Seneca.*

Without truth there can be no other virtue.

TRYING

Better to be a "has been" than a "might have been."

If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again.

If you've tried and have not won,
Never stop for crying;
All that's great and good is done
Just by patient trying.

—*Phœbe Cary.*

TYRANTS

Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.—*Jefferson.*

UNCERTAINTY

A leap in the dark.

All between the cradle and the coffin is uncertain.

One plows, another sows;
Who will reap no one knows.

There is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.

Unlooked-for often comes.—*German.*

UNDERSTANDING

He who understands most is other men's master.

The understanding is ever the dupe of the heart.—*French.*

Wrath and malice, envy and revenge, distort the understanding.—*Tillotson.*

UNFORTUNATE

By land or water the wind is ever in my face.

Even to smile at the unfortunate is to do an injury.—*Syrus.*

The unfortunate are counted fools.

To persecute the unfortunate is like throwing stones on one fallen into a well.—*Chinese.*

Unfortunate and imprudent are but two words for the same thing. —*French.*

UNITY

By the hands of many a great work is made light.

Even tender creepers when united are strong.—*Tamil.*

Many hands make quick work.—*German, Dutch.*

Union gives strength to the humble.—*Syrus.*

Union is strength.—*Dutch.*

United we stand, divided we fall.

Unity is a precious diamond.—*Holydays.*

Weak things united become strong.

USELESSNESS

To be employed in useless things is to be half idle.

USURY

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.—*Proverbs* 28:8.

To borrow on usury brings sudden beggary.

While with the silent growth of ten per cent.,
In dirt and darkness hundreds stink content.
—*Pope.*

VALUE

The worth of a thing is best known by the want of it.

VANITY

All is sugar to the vain, even the praise of fools.

All is vanity and vexation of spirit.—*Ecclesiastes* 2:17.

Every man has just so much vanity as he wants understanding.—*Pope.*

Every man thinks his own copper gold.—*German, Danish.*

Every man thinks his own geese swans.

Every one thinks he has more than his own share of brains.—*Italian.*

The pot upbraids the kettle that it is black.—*Dutch.*

Those who live on vanity must expect to die of mortification.—*Ellis.*

Vanity is the food of fools.—*Swift.*

VARIETY

Sameness is the mother of disgust; variety the cure.—*Petrarch.*

Variety alone gives joy, the sweetest meats the soonest cloy.—*Prior.*

Variety is the mother of enjoyment.—*Beaconsfield.*

Variety's the very spice of life
That gives it all its flavor.
—*Cowper.*

Variety, that divine gift that makes a woman charming.—*Beaconsfield.*

VENGEANCE

Vengeance has no foresight.—*Napoleon.*

Vengeance is wild justice.

Vengeance ought always to pursue crimes, and the guilty are not proper objects of mercy.—*Arabian.*

VENTURES

First weigh, then venture.

He has put all his eggs in one basket: *i.e., ventured all in one enterprise.*

Nothing venture nothing have.—*French.*

Venture not all in one bottom.

Ventures make men and ventures break men.

VICE

After one vice a greater follows.—*Spanish.*

All vice infatuates and corrupts the judgment

Great virtues do not excuse small vices.

He who is free from vice himself is the slower to suspect it in others.—*Greek.*

He who plunges into vice resembles a man who rolls from the top of a precipice.—*Chinese.*

Most of our evils come from our vices.

Never open the door to a little vice lest a great one enter with it.

No vice goes alone.

One vice begets another.

The vicious obey their passions as slaves do their masters.—*Diogenes.*

Through tattered clothes small vices do appear,
Robes and furred gowns hide all.
—*Shakespeare.*

To blush at vice shows the world you are ashamed of it.

Vice always produces contempt.—*Dr. Johnson.*

Vice begins in mistake and ends in ignominy.—*Rambler.*

Vice can never be too great to be lashed, nor virtue too poor to be commended.—*Fielding.*

Vice is a monster of such frightful mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet seen, too oft familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.
—*Pope.*

Vice is cherished and thrives by concealment.—*Latin.*

Vice is learnt without a schoolmaster.—*Danish.*

Vice is the most dangerous when it puts on the garb of virtue.—*Syrus.*

Vice loses half its evil by losing its grossness.—*Burke.*

Vice stings us even in our pleasures, but virtue consoles us even in our pains.

Where vice goes before, vengeance follows after.

VINEGAR

The sourest vinegar comes from the sweetest wine.—*German.*

VIRTUE

Act so in the valley that you need not fear those who stand on the hill.—*Danish.*

A good life keeps away wrinkles.—*Spanish.*

A happy life consists in virtue.—*Latin.*

A man that hath no virtue in himself ever envieth virtue in others. —*Bacon.*

A man who is wise and learned, but without virtue, shall be despised.—*Cingalese.*

All virtue lies in a power of denying our own desires when reason does not authorize them.—*Locke.*

As virtue is its own reward, so vice is its own punishment.

Courage and resolution are the spirit and soul of virtue.

Each must in virtue strive to excel,
That man lives twice who lives the first life well.
—*Herrick.*

He cannot go wrong when virtue guides.

He has no mean portion of virtue that loveth it in another.

He who aspires to be virtuous climbs up a steep mountain.—*Chinese.*

He who dies for virtue does not perish.—*Plautus.*

He who is a lover of virtue is a lover of mankind.—*Epictetus.*

He whose mind is virtuous is alone of noble kind.—*Dryden.*

I have seen many men not adapted to the sciences; not one incapable of a virtue.

If virtue keep court within, honor will attend without.

If you can be well without health, you may be happy without virtue.

It is easier to run from virtue to vice than from vice to virtue.

It is impossible for fortune to conquer virtue.—*Plutarch.*

It is in hating vice that we strengthen ourselves in the love of virtue.—*French.*

It is not how long but how well we live.

It is virtue to fly vice.—*Horace.*

Live virtuously, and you cannot die too soon, nor live too long.—*Lady Russell.*

Most men are more willing to indulge in easy vices than to practise laborious virtues.—*Dr. Johnson.*

Nobody hath too much prudence or virtue.

Not to go forward in the way of virtue is to go backwards.

Poverty does not destroy virtue nor wealth bestow it.—*Spanish.*

Prefer to be good rather than seem so.—*Sallust.*

Sweet are the slumbers of the virtuous man.—*Addison.*

The first step to virtue is to abstain from vice.

To be virtuous is to do good and do it well.

Virtue alone can procure that independence which is the end of human wishes.—*Petrarch.*

Virtue alone has majesty in death.—*Young.*

Virtue alone is happiness below.—*Crabbe.*

Virtue alone is invincible.—*Latin.*

Virtue alone is true nobility.—*Geo. Stepney.*

Virtue and Happiness are mother and daughter.

Virtue and truth are respected everywhere.—*Turkish Spy.*

Virtue and truth are two of heaven's most beautiful and lovely daughters.—*Bacon.*

Virtue and understanding cannot be bought with gold.—*German.*

Virtue dwells not in the tongue but in the heart.

Virtue flourishes in misfortune—*German.*

Virtue hath not a greater enemy than wealth.—*Petrarch.*

Virtue in poverty is better than sinful wealth.—*German.*

Virtue is a friend ever true.—*German.*

Virtue is a jewel of great price.

Virtue is a sheet anchor.—*Latin.*

Virtue is bold and goodness never fearful.—*Shakespeare.*

Virtue is increased by the smile of approval.—*Ovid.*

Virtue is like precious odors, most fragrant when they are crushed. —*Bacon.*

Virtue is the most beautiful apparel.—*German.*

Virtue is the only true nobility.—*Juvenal.*

Virtue is the most beautiful ornament of woman.—*German.*

Virtue remains when all else has passed away.—*German.*

Virtue shines grandest in misfortune.—*German.*

Virtue survives the grave.—*Motto of the Irish Earl of Shannon.*

Virtue unites man with God.—*Latin.*

Virtue which parleys is near a surrender

Virtue without industry is impossible.

Wealth and beauty less than virtue please.—*Homer.*

What can the virtues of our ancestors profit us if we do not imitate them.

Where virtue resides not, liberty can no longer subsist.—*Arabian.*

Whether I am praised or blamed, it enables me to advance in virtue.—*Chinese Philosopher.*

VOICE

A loud voice bespeaks a vulgar man.

A voice soft, gentle and low, is an excellent thing in a woman.—*Shakespeare.*

VOWS

Vows made in storms are forgotten in calm.

VULGARITY

Immodest words admit of no defence,
For want of decency is want of sense.
—*Roscommon.*

Never descend to vulgarity even in joking.—*Latin.*

WADING

No safety wading in unknown water.

WAGES

Chair folk are never paid enough.

Desert and reward go not often together.

Men work but slowly that have poor wages.

Nature has laws and this is one—a fair day's wage for a fair day's work.—*Beaconsfield.*

The laborer is worthy of his hire.—*Luke* 10:7.

WALKING

'Tis good walking till the blood appears in the cheek but not the sweat on the brow.—*Spanish.*

WAITING

People count up the faults of those who keep them waiting.—*French.*

Seven never wait for one.—*Russian.*

WALLS

A white wall is the fool's paper.—*French, Italian.*

WANT

Every one must speak of his wants be he where he will.—*Don Quixote.*

Every want that stimulates the breast,
Becomes a source of pleasure when redrest.

He is not in want who has no desires.—*Latin.*

He is the nearest to God who has the fewest wants.—*Danish.*

He that wants the kernel must crack the nut.—*French, German, Dutch.*

Man wants but little here below nor wants that little long.—*Goldsmith.*

Nothing makes men sharper than want.—*Addison.*

Of all the enemies of idleness, want is the most formidable.—*Dr. Johnson.*

The more one has the more one wants.

Want is the master of mankind.—*Rev. Dr. Crowley.*

Want is the mother of industry.

Want makes strife 'twixt man and wife.

Want too oft betrays the tongue to lies.—*Homer.*

WAR

A foreign war is preferable to one at home.—*Petrarch.*

All battle is misunderstanding.—*Bacon.*

But war's a game, which, were their subjects wise, kings would not play at.—*Cowper.*

Every milder method is to be tried before a nation makes an appeal to arms.—*Kent.*

He that preacheth up war when it might well be avoided, is the devil's chaplain.

He who plays with a sword plays with the devil.—*Gallician.*

Human guilt cannot go beyond the crime of those who solicit war.—*Maga.*

I have never advocated war except as a means of peace.—*U. S. Grant.*

Look upon a picture and a battle at a very great distance.

Mad wars destroy in one year the works of many years of peace.—*Franklin.*

Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.—*Wellington.*

Of all wars peace ought to be the end.

One murder makes a villain;
Millions, a hero.

—*Porteous.*

One war brings on another.—*German.*

That war is only just which is necessary.

The blood of the soldier makes the glory of the general.

The drying up a single tear has more
Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore.
—*Byron.*

There never was a good war nor a bad peace.—*Franklin.*

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.—*Washington.*

War begun, hell unchained.—*Italian.*

War is a proceeding that ruins those who succeed.

War is hell.—*General Sherman.*

Wars bring scars.

When war is raging the laws are dumb.—*Cicero.*

WARNING

A man that is warned is half armed.

Forewarned—forearmed.—*French.*

WASHING

All will come out in the washing.—*Don Quixote.*

Dirty water does not wash clean.—*Danish.*

WASTE

He who sows money will reap poverty.—*Danish.*

He who spends more than he should,
Shall not have to spare when he would.

Spend and be free, but make no waste.

Willful waste brings woeful want.—*Scotch.*

WATER

If you want clear water draw it from the spring.—*Portuguese.*

Running water carries no poison.—*Italian.*

Smooth waters run deep.

Stagnant water grows stinking.—*German.*

Still water breeds vermin.—*Italian.*

The water that bears the boat is the same that swallows it up.—*Chinese.*

Water is less dreaded than fire, yet fewer suffer by fire than by water.—*Chinese.*

Water is the best of all things.—*Greek.*

WAYS OF THE WORLD

He that falls all the world runs over.—*German.*

There is little difference (in the eye of the world), in being nought and in being thought so.

The tinsel, glitter, and the specious mien
Delude the most, few pry behind the scene.
—*Phædrus.*

When a man is going down-hill, everybody gives him a kick; when a man is going up-hill, everybody gives him a lick.

WEAKNESS

In the fray the weak are strong.—*Italian.*

The weakest goes to the wall.—*Shakespeare.*

WEATHER

A foul morn may turn to a fine day.

After clouds clear weather.

A green Christmas makes a fat church-yard.

A misty morning may have a fine day.

An evening red and a morning gray,
Is a sign of a fair day.

A right easterly wind is very unkind.

Change of weather is the discourse of fools.

Fair weather cometh out of the north.—*Job* 37 : 22.

Hail brings frost.

If St. Swithin weep, that year, the proverb says,
The weather will be foul for forty days.

If there be neither snow nor rain,
Then will be dear all sorts of grain.

In the wane of the moon a cloudy morning bodes a fair afternoon.

It never thunders but it rains.

Never mind the weather, so the wind don't blow.

No weather is ill if the wind be still.

Praise a fine day at night.—*German, Danish.*

Rain comes after sunshine, and after a dark cloud, a clear sky.—*Danish.*

The dirt bird (or dirt owl) sings, we shall have rain.

The full moon brings fair weather.

There is no relying on a starry sky.

When the ravens cry the rain follows.—*German.*

When the wind is in the east,
It's neither good for man or beast;
When the wind is in the south,
It's in the rain's mouth;
When the wind is in the west,
The weather's at the best.

WEDGES

A blunt wedge sometimes does what a sharp axe will not.

A knotty piece of timber must have smooth wedges.

Blunt wedges rive hard oaks.—*Shakespeare.*

Knotty timber requires sharp wedges.

One wedge drives another.—*German, Turkish.*

WEEDS

A good garden may have some weeds.

Ill weeds are not hurt by frost.—*Spanish, Portuguese.*

Ill weeds grow the fastest and last the longest.—*Danish.*

No garden without its weeds.

The weeds overgrow the corn.

Weeds never die.—*German, Danish.*

WEEPING

He who has much weeps as well as he who has little.—*Greek.*

There is a certain kind of pleasure in weeping.—*Ovid.*

To weep overmuch for the dead is to affront the living.

WEIGHT

Weight and measure take away strife.

WELCOME

As welcome as water in a leaking ship.

As welcome as water in one's shoe.

Do not out-stay your welcome.

Welcome is the best cheer.

Who comes seldom is welcome.—*Italian.*

WELL-DOING

Let us not be weary in well doing.—*Galatians* 6:9.

Better to do well late than never.

WELLS

The more the well is used the more water it yields.—*German.*

WELSHMEN

The older the Welshman, the more madman.

WHISPERING

A whisperer separateth chief friends.

He who whispers lies.—*Danish.*

Many a thing whispered into one ear is heard over the whole town. —*Danish.*

Never whisper in company.

The whisperer's tongue is worse than the serpent's venom.—*Latin.*

Where there is whispering there is lying.

WICKEDNESS

A wicked man is afraid of his own memory.

A wicked man is his own hell.

Never wicked man was wise.—*Homer.*

No man was ever wicked without secret discontent.—*Rambler.*

The conversation of the wicked is a fountain of mischief.—*Cingalese.*

There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.—*Isaiah* 48: 22.

The triumphing of the wicked is short.—*Job* 20: 5.

The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.—*Psalm* 9: 16.

The wicked ears are deaf to wisdom's call.—*Homer.*

The wicked ever hate vice in others.

The wicked heart never fears God but when it thunders.

The wickedness of a few is the calamity of all.—*Syrus.*

Wicked men cannot be friends, either among themselves or with the good.—*Socrates.*

Wickedness is its own greatest punishment.—*Syrus.*

Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked. *(The oldest recorded proverb.)*—*I Samuel* 24: 13.

WIDOWS

He that marries a widow will often have a dead man's head thrown in his dish.—*Spanish.*

He that woos a maid must seldom come in sight,
But he that woos a widow must woo her day and night.

Never marry a widow unless her first husband was hanged.

WILD OATS

The bread of repentance we eat is often made of the wild oats we sow in our youth.

WILFULNESS

As wilful as a pig that will neither lead nor drive.

A wilful man had need be very wise.

A wilful man never wants woe.

WILL

A man who will can do more than ten who must.—*German.*

He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still.—*Butler.*

Take the will for the deed.

The reason so few people get what they want is because they don't want hard enough.

The will is the soul of the work.—*German.*

Where there is a will there is a way.—*Italian, Spanish.*

Where there is no want of will there will be no want of opportunity.—*Spanish.*

Willing comes before working.

Will is power.

WILLINGNESS

All lay loads on the willing horse.

He that cannot is always willing.—*Italian.*

Make yourself an ass and every one will lay a sack on you.—*German.*

Pleasing everybody is pleasing nobody.

Who serves everybody gets thanks from nobody.

Who would please all and please himself too,
Undertakes something he cannot do.

WILLS

He may make his will upon his nail for anything he has to give.

WIND

A little wind kindleth a great fire, a great one putteth it out.

As the wind blows you must set your sail.

Blow the wind ever so fast, it will lower at last.

High winds blow on high hills.

Straws show which way the wind blows.

WINTER

After winter spring will come.—*Hans Andersen.*

Winter weather and women's thoughts often change.

WISDOM

Affectation of wisdom often prevents us from becoming wise.

A flow of words is no proof of wisdom.

All countries are a wise man's home.

An ounce of wisdom is worth a pound of wit.

A wise man adapts himself to circumstances as water shapes itself to the vessel that contains it.—*Chinese.*

A wise man among the ignorant is as a beautiful girl in the company of blind men.—*Saadi.*

A wise man, a strong man.—*German.*

A wise man gets learning from those who have none themselves.

A wise man keeps on good terms with his wife, his conscience, and his stomach.

A wise man turns chance into a good fortune.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

A wise man will make tools of what comes to hand.

Better be wise and look simple
Than look wise and be simple.

Better be wise than rich.—*Spanish.*

Be wise with speed,
A fool at forty is a fool indeed.
—*Young.*

By wisdom wealth is won,
But riches purchased wisdom yet for none.
—*Bayard Taylor.*

Every one is wise after the event.—*German, Spanish.*

Gold vessels still as gold we prize,
And wise men in adversity are wise.
—*Tamil.*

He is the wisest man who does not think himself so.—*French.*

He is well onward in the way of wisdom, who can bear a reproof and mend by it.

He is wise that can mak' a freend o' a fae.—*Scotch.*

He is wise that is aware in time.

He is wise who learns at another's cost.—*Italian.*

He is wise who suits himself to the occasion.—*Latin.*

He must be a wise man himself who is capable of distinguishing one.—*Diogenes.*

He's a wise man who when he's well off can keep so.

He seemeth wise with whom all things thrive.

How prone to doubt, how cautious are the wise.—*Homer.*

In youth and beauty wisdom is but rare.—*Homer.*

Is he wise who hopes to attain the end without the means?—*Tillotson.*

It is a mark of wisdom to dislike folly.

It is best to learn wisdom by the experience of others.—*Latin.*

Learning is not wisdom any more than cloth is clothes.

Learning to have and wisdom to lack,
Is a load of books on an ass's back.
—*Oriental.*

Learn wisdom by the folly of others.—*Italian.*

Little wit in the head makes much work for the feet.

Most things have two handles, and wise men take hold of the best.

No one is so wise that he cannot become wiser.—*German.*

Send a wise man on an errand and say nothing to him.

Some are wise, and some are otherwise.

Take heed of the words of the wise.

That is good wisdom which is wisdom in the end.—*Dutch.*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.—*Proverbs* 9: 10.

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.—*Shakespeare.*

The foolish despise wisdom and instruction.—*Proverbs* 1: 7.

The greatest wisdom in man consists in knowing his follies.—*French.*

The next thing to having wisdom ourselves is to profit by that of others.

The only jewel which you can carry beyond the grave is wisdom.—*Langford.*

The price of wisdom is above rubies.—*Job* 28: 18.

There is four hundred times as much learning in the world as there is wisdom.—*Josh Billings.*

The rod and reproof give wisdom.—*Proverbs* 29: 15.

The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.—*1 Corinthians* 3: 19.

The wise distrust the unknown.—*La Fontaine.*

The wise man should be prepared for everything that does not lie within his control.—*Pythagoras.*

They only are wise who know that they know nothing.—*Carlyle.*

To be wise is to know how little can be known.—*Pope.*

To the wise a word may suffice.

True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing, and to do what is best worth doing.—*D. Humphreys.*

Well goes the case where wisdom counsels.

What is not wisdom is danger.

What the fool does in the end, the wise man does in the beginning. —*Spanish.*

Who is wise is more than rich.—*German.*

Wisdom and goodness to the vile seem vile.—*Shakespeare.*

Wisdom and honor are the avenues to a happy immortality.—*Plato.*

Wisdom asks fruits but folly flowers.

Wisdom doesn't always speak in Greek and Latin.

Wisdom goes not always by years.

Wisdom is a good purchase though we pay dear for it.

> Wisdom is humble that he knows no more,
> Knowledge is proud that he knows so much.
> —*Cowper.*

Wisdom is better than gold or silver.—*German.*

Wisdom is better than rubies.—*Proverbs* 8:11.

Wisdom is more to be envied than riches.

Wisdom is neither inheritance nor legacy.

Wisdom is only found in truth.—*Goethe.*

Wisdom is the conqueror of fortune.—*Juvenal.*

Wisdom is the mother of all arts.—*German.*

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom.—*Proverbs* 4:7.

Wisdom is the sunlight of the soul.—*German.*

Wisdom is to the mind what health is to the body.—*Rochefoucauld.*

Wisdom was the daughter of Knowledge by Reflection; Wit was the son of Genius by Mirth.—*Maga.*

Wise men learn more from fools than fools from the wise.—*Cato.*

Wise men, though all laws were abolished, would lead the same lives.—*Aristophanes.*

WISHING

After the acting wishing is in vain.—*French.*

Better do it than wish it done.

Better go home and make a net than sit by the river wishing for fishes.—*Chinese.*

Castles in the air cost a vast deal to keep up.—*Bulwer-Lytton.*

Good wishes do not always bring good fortune.—*Beaconsfield.*

If wishes were horses, beggars might ride.

If you cannot have what you wish, wish for what you can have.—*Terence.*

Making forty thousand wishes
Will never fill your pail with fishes.

Mere wishes are silly fishes.

Thy wish was father to the thought.—*Shakespeare.*

Wishes at least are the easy pleasures of the poor.—*Douglas Jerrold.*

Wishes never filled the bag.—*French.*

Wishes won't wash dishes.

Wishing, of all employments, is the worst.—*Young.*

With wishing comes grieving.—*Italian.*

WIT

A fool attempting to be witty
Is an object of profoundest pity.

Intemperate wits will spare neither friend nor foe.—*L'Estrange.*

Many that are wits in jest are fools in earnest.

No fools so insufferable as those who affect to be wits.—*Giles' Proverbs.*

Quick wits are generally conceited.

They who have the most wit
Are most sparing of it.
—*Pope.*

'Tis an unhappy wit that stirs up enemies against itself.

Use your wit as a shield, not as a sword.

Wit and wisdom are rarely seen together.—*Richardson.*

Wit does not take the place of knowledge.

Wit is folly unless a wise man hath the keeping of it.

Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food.—*Hazlitt.*

Witticisms spare no one.

Wit without discretion is a sword in the hand of a fool.

Wit without wisdom is salt without meat.—*Horne.*

WITNESSES

A madman and a fool are no witnesses.

Better one eye-witness than two hear-say witnesses.—*Dutch.*

WIVES

A bad wife is the shipwreck of her husband.—*German.*

A faithful wife becomes the truest and the tenderest friend.—*Savage.*

A good wife and health are a man's best wealth.

A good wife is the best household furniture.—*German.*

A good wife is worth gold.—*German.*

A good wife makes a good husband.

"A good wife's a good prize,"
Saith Solomon the wise.

A house well furnished makes a good housewife.

All other goods by fortune's hand are given,
A wife is the peculiar gift of heaven.
—*Pope.*

A man can never thrive
Who has a wasteful wife.

A man cannot possess anything better than a good wife, or worse than a poor one.

A man must ask his wife's leave to thrive.

A man's best fortune or his worst is a wife.

An expensive wife makes a pensive husband.

A poor man who takes a rich wife has a ruler, not a wife.—*Greek.*

A prudent wife is from the Lord.—*Proverbs* 19: 14.

A vicious wife and an untoward sow no laws can govern.—*Chinese.*

A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband.—*Proverbs* 12: 4.

A woman can throw away more with a spoon than a man can bring in with a shovel.

A world of comfort lies in the one word, wife.—*Knowles.*

Better a bachelor's life
Than a slovenly wife.

Better no wife than a foolish one.—*German.*

Fire, water, and a bad wife are three great evils.—*German.*

Happy the man that hath a beautiful wife; his days shall be increased.—*Hebrew.*

It is sometimes right to obey a sensible wife.—*Servian.*

It's a good horse that never stumbles;
A good wife that never grumbles.

Live on good terms with your wife.—*Cingalese.*

Look after your wife, never mind yourself, she'll look after you. —*London Truth.*

Next to no wife a good wife is best.

Of earthly goods the best is a good wife,
A bad the bitterest curse of human life.
—*Simonides.*

Of your wife and tried friend believe nothing but what you know for certain.—*Spanish.*

One God, one wife, but many friends.—*Dutch.*

Prudent men choose frugal wives.—*German.*

Smoke, rain, and a scolding wife are three bad things in a house. —*Danish.*

Sweet, sensible and sincere
Is dowry worth a hemisphere.

The best safe for one's money is a prudent wife.

The calmest husbands make the stormiest wives.

The good or ill hap of a good or ill life,
Is the good or ill choice of a good or ill wife.
—*Scotch.*

The sweetest thing in life
Is the welcome of a wife.
—*N. P. Willis.*

The wife that loves the looking-glass hates the saucepan.

What is there that beats a good wife? A bad husband.—*Punch.*

Who has a bad wife, his hell begins on earth.—*Dutch.*

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord.—*Proverbs* 18:22.

Wisdom in the man, patience in the wife, brings peace to the house.

WOMEN

A clock serves to point the hours, and woman to make us forget them.

A continual dropping in a very rainy day, and a contentious woman are alike.—*Proverbs* 27:15.

A foolish woman is clamorous.—*Proverbs* 9:14.

A foolish woman is known by her finery.

A graceful correction:—the proper study of mankind is woman.—*Punch.*

A hundred men can make an encampment, but it requires a woman to make a home.

A jewel of a woman is better than a woman of jewels.

A judicious woman that is diligent and religious is the very soul of the house.—*Bishop Thorne.*

A mannish woman and a womanish man
Are rank innovations on the Almighty's plan.

A mill, a ship, and a woman, are always repairing.

A pretty woman is a welcome guest.—*Byron.*

A prudent woman is in the same class of honor as a wise man.

As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.—*Proverbs* 11 : 22.

A silent woman is always more admired than a noisy one.—*Latin.*

A thousand men may live together in harmony, whereas two women are unable to do so though they be sisters.—*Tamil.*

A woman has never spoiled anything through silence.—*German.*

A woman is naturally born to fears.—*Shakespeare.*

A woman's counsel is no great thing, but he who does not take it is a fool.—*Spanish.*

A woman's first counsel is the best.

A woman's head is always influenced by her heart, but a man's heart is always influenced by his head.—*Lady Blessington.*

A woman's honor is her good name.—*Don Quixote.*

A woman's mind and winter wind change oft.

A woman's strength is in her tongue.—*Welsh.*

A woman's tears are a fountain of craft.—*Italian.*

A woman's tongue is her sword, and she does not let it rust.—*Chinese.*

A woman strong in flounces is weak in head.—*German.*

A woman's vengeance knows no bounds.—*German.*

A woman's whole life is a history of the affections.—*Irving.*

A woman when inflamed by love or hatred will dare everything.

A woman who has sacrificed her virtue soon resigns every other principle.—*Tacitus.*

A woman will forgive anything in a rival excepting her being prettier than herself.—*Punch.*

A woman without religion, a flower without perfume.—*German.*

"Because," is a woman's answer.

Between a woman's "Yes" and "No" there is no room for the point of a needle.—*Spanish.*

But yet believe me, good as well as ill,
Woman's at last a contradiction still.
—*Pope.*

Disguise our bondage as we will,
'Tis woman, woman rules us still.
—*Tom Moore.*

Every woman loves the woman in the looking-glass.—*German.*

Every woman who is a shrew in domestic life is now become a scold in politics.—*Addison.*

Fools try to convince a woman; but wise men persuade her.

For every Jack there is somewhere a Jill,
That can do with poor Jack about as she will.

For woman's soul when once plunged in,
Knows no stopping place in sin.

Hell has no fury like a woman scorned.—*Congreve.*

If the heart of a man is depressed with cares,
The mist is dispell'd when a woman appears.
—*Gay.*

It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman.—*Proverbs* 21 : 19.

It is the men that cause the women to dislike each other.—*French.*

Kind words and few are a woman's ornament.—*Danish.*

Man may be the head of the family, but far better than that woman is the heart of it.—*Punch.*

Men are as old as they feel and women as they look.—*Italian.*

Men make wealth and women preserve it.—*Italian.*

Men must work and women must weep.—*Kingsley.*

One hair of a woman draws more than a team of oxen.

Praise a woman's taste, and you may attack her sense with impunity. —*Punch.*

Talk to women as much as you can, 'tis the best school.—*Beaconsfield.*

Tears are ordinarily the touchingest eloquence of women.—*Turkish Spy.*

The cunning of the sex is equal to their obstinacy. *(Female sex.)*

The love of woman buries her wrongs without a tear.—*Maga.*

The loveliest jewel is woman; her loveliest setting, the home.

The man's a fool who thinks by force or skill,
To stem the torrent of a woman's will;
For if she will, she will, you may depend on it,
And if she won't, she won't, and there's an end on it.
—*Tuke.*

The more women look in their glasses the less they look to their houses.

The most beautiful object in the world is a beautiful woman.—*Macaulay.*

The ornament of a woman is her modesty.—*Cingalese.*

There is no torture a woman would not endure to enhance her beauty.—*Montaigne.*

There is nothing on earth to be compared with a virtuous and lovely woman.—*Arabian.*

There is scarcely a lawsuit unless a woman is the cause of it.—*Juvenal.*

The thoughts of women are after thoughts.

Time, wind, women and fortune are ever changing.—*German.*

'Tis as natural for women to pride themselves in fine clothes as 'tis for a peacock to spread his tail.

Trust not a woman when she weepeth, for it is her nature to weep, when she wanteth her will.—*Socrates.*

Two cats and one mouse, two women and one house,
Two dogs and one bone, will not agree long.
—*German.*

Two things govern the world: women and gold.—*German.*

Want of sympathy in a woman is almost as bad as want of beauty.

We should make it a rule to give up to women and they are sure to give up to us.—*Bea.*

What manly eloquence could produce such effect as woman's silence.—*Michelet.*

What's a table richly spread,
Without a woman at its head?
—*Wharton.*

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.—*English woman's proverb.*

When a woman has no answer, the sea is empty of water.—*German.*

When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou!
—*Scott.*

When there are two women in one house, there is one too many.—*German.*

Who is't can read a woman?—*Shakespeare.*

Woman, fairest of creation, last and best.—*Milton.*

Woman impromptu, man on reflection.—*Italian.*

Woman is like the reed, which bends to every breeze but breaks not in the tempest.—*Whately.*

Woman is most perfect when most womanly.—*Gladstone.*

Woman is the fairest work of the Great Author; and the edition being large, no man should be without a copy.

Woman is the handsomest in animal creation.—*Hebrew.*

Women are never at a loss for words.—*German.*

Women are passive agents and when love prompts them can outsuffer martyrs.—*Massinger.*

Women are sooner angry than men.—*Hermes.*

Women are the poetry of the world as the stars are the poetry of heaven.—*Hargrave.*

Women are the refiners . . . of men.—*Chesterfield.*

WONDERS

No wonder lasts more than three days.—*Italian.*

Wonder is the daughter of ignorance.

Wonder is the first cause of philosophy.—*Aristotle.*

Wonders will never cease.

WORDS

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.—*Proverbs* 25:11.

A word hurts more than a wound.

Bad words find bad acceptance.

Good words cost no more than bad.

Good words cost nothing but are worth much.

Smooth words make smooth ways.

Soft words break no bones.

Soft words, warm friends; bitter words, lasting enemies.

Sometimes words hurt worse than swords.

Use soft words and hard arguments.

Words show the wit of a man, but actions his meaning.

Words without thoughts never go to heaven.

You may gain by fair words what may fail you by angry ones.—*Danish.*

WORK

Absence of occupation is not rest,
A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed.
—*Cowper.*

A drone is one who does not labor.—*Beaconsfield.*

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

A wise man without work is a bee without honey.—*German.*

Better wear out shoes than sheets.

By the work we know the workman.—*La Fontaine.*

By work you get money, by talk you get knowledge.—*Haliburton.*

Constant occupation prevents temptation.—*Italian.*

Do the head work before the hand work.

Earnestness is the soul of work.—*German*

God helps those who help themselves.

Good material is half the work.—*German.*

Great pain and little gain make a man soon weary.

Hard work kills few honest laboring men.

He who is afraid of doing too much always does too little.—*German.*

He who would rest must work.—*Italian.*

If any will not work, neither let him eat.—*2 Thessalonians* 3 : 10.

It is better to wear out, than to rust out.—*Bishop Horne.*

It may be hard to work, but it must be harder to want.

Man's work is from sun to sun,
Woman's work is never done.

No bees, no honey;
No work, no money.

Nothing is gained without work.

Nothing to be got without pains but poverty.

No thoroughly occupied man was ever miserable.

Nuts are given, but they are not cracked for us.—*Hans Andersen.*

Pain is forgotten when gain comes.

Potatoes don't grow by the side of the pot.

Reward is in doing.

Slow work produces fine goods.

Sour work—sweet sleep.—*German.*

That which we acquire with most difficulty we retain the longest.—*Colton.*

There is always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works.—*Carlyle.*

Think of ease, but work on.—*Herbert.*

Thrice happy they who have an occupation.—*Byron.*

We must not lie down and cry, God help us.

What is becoming is honorable and what is honorable is becoming. *Cicero.*

When every one minds his own business the work is done.—*Danish.*

Work first and then rest.—*Ruskin.*

Work has a bitter root but sweet fruit.—*German.*

Work in youth is repose in age.—*German.*

Work is a true educator, and idleness a certain demoralizer.

Work is God's ordinance as truly as prayer.—*Geo. D. Boardman.*

Work is no disgrace; but the shame is not to be working.—*Hesiod.*

Work is often the father of pleasure.—*Voltaire.*

Work produces virtue, and virtue honor.—*German.*

Work while you work, play while you play;
This is the way to be cheerful and gay.
All that you do, do with your might;
Things done by halves are never done right.
—*A. D. Stoddart.*

WORKMEN

A bad workman quarrels with his tools.

At the working man's house hunger looks in but does not enter. —*Franklin.*

Diligent work makes a skilful workman.

He never wrought a good day's work who went grumbling about it.

He who has money to throw away let him employ workmen and not stand by.—*Italian.*

The workman is known by his work.—*French, Italian, Dutch.*

WORLD

"All the world talks of its shoes," says the cobbler.

One-half the world does not know how the other half lives.

Take the world as it is, not as it ought to be.—*German.*

The gown is hers who wears it, and the world is his who enjoys it.

The world has people of all sorts.—*Locke.*

The world is like a staircase; some go up and some go down.—*Italian.*

WORRY

Anxiety is the poison of human life.—*Blair.*

Don't climb the hill until you get to it.

Every to-morrow brings its bread.—*French.*

He grieves more than is necessary who grieves before it is necessary.—*Seneca.*

How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened.

It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery; it is the friction.—*Beecher.*

Little minds are hurt by little things; great minds rise above them.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Little things worry little minds.

More of our worries come from within than from without.

Never howl till you're hit.

Never trouble trouble
Till trouble troubles you.

No use crossing the stream 'til you get to it.—*Lincoln.*

Of one thing in this world we may have as much as we want, and that is, trouble.

Of spilt water there is little to be gathered up.—*Ben Jonson.*

The greatest fool is he who worries about what he cannot help.

The misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—*Lowell.*

They who live in a worry
Invite death in a hurry.
—*London Truth.*

To worry about to-morrow is to be unhappy to-day.

What is done cannot be undone.

Worry kills more men than work.

Worry, not work, uses up men.

WOUNDS

Despise not a small wound, a poor kinsman, or an humble enemy. —*Danish.*

He jests at scars that never felt a wound.—*Shakespeare.*

If you cannot heal the wound do not tear it open.—*Danish.*

What deep wounds ever close without a scar?

What wound ever healed but by degrees.—*Shakespeare.*

When the wound is healed the pain is forgotten.—*Danish.*

WRINKLES

Wrinkles disfigure a woman less than ill nature.—*Dupuy.*

WRITING

Of all those arts in which the wise excel
Nature's chief masterpiece is writing well.
—*Buckingham.*

Sound judgment is the ground of writing well.—*Roscommon.*

The pen is mightier than the sword.

WRONG

He who does the wrong forgets it, but not he who receives it.—*Italian.*

On adamant our wrongs we all engrave,
But write our benefits upon the wave.
—*King.*

One wrong step may give you a great fall.

They hurt themselves that wrong others.

'Tis better to suffer wrong than do it.

Two wrongs do not make a right.

YEARS

A snow year a rich year.

The ill year comes in swimming.—*French.*

YESTERDAY

Each day is the scholar of yesterday.—*Syrus.*

No man can call back yesterday.

YIELDING

Yielding is sometimes the best way of succeeding.—*Italian.*

Yielding stays war.—*German.*

YOUTH

A growing youth has a wolf in his belly.

A youth in which a single aim governs life early arrives at the harvest.

If youth only knew—if old age only could!

It is hard to put old heads on young shoulders.

It is not easy to straighten in the oak the crook that grew in the sapling.—*Gaelic.*

Old men for counsel, young men for war.

Prefer old heads and young hands.

There is a learning time in youth which, suffered to escape and no foundation laid, seldom returns.—*Clarissa.*

The warnings of age are the weapons of youth.

We shall never be younger.

When there's a log to lift, an old man will grunt and a young man will pick it up.

When young we trust ourselves too much, and others too little when old.—*Colton.*

Young men think old men are fools;
But old men know young men are fools.
—*Chapman.*

Youth and white paper take any impression.

Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret.—*Disraeli.*

Youth is life's seed time.—*Holmes.*

Youth is the season of hope.

Youth looks forward and age backward.

Youth may stray yet return at last.—*French.*

Youth should be a saving's bank.—*Madame Swetchine.*

Youth's sorrows like April showers are transitory.

ZEAL

Blind zeal only does harm.—*German.*

There is no zeal so intemperate and cruel as that which is backed by ignorance.—*Stilson Hutchins.*

Zeal is fit only for wise men but is found mostly in fools.

Zeal without knowledge is frenzy.

Zeal without knowledge is the sister of folly.

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